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# Blair's secret purge of MEPs

TONY BLAIR was engulfed in a By ANDREW GRICE new row over "control freakery" last night after an internal Labour document revealed that several "old Labour" MEPs are to be sacked.

The report, leaked to The Inexpects to suffer big losses in next June's elections to the European Parliament. It suggests will keep their seats, dissidents and older MEPs will lose their Political Editor

they have been placed too low on the party's "pecking order" of candidates.

Labour leaders have condependent, admits that Labour sistently denied claims of a purge of independent-minded European MPs. But the leaked document, circulated to officials that while many Blair loyalists at Labour's Millbank headquarters in London, will give further ammunition to the jobs in Strasbourg because Prime Minister's critics. They

leged interference in the se-lection of Labour candidates for London mayor and for the Scottish and Welsh assemblies.

The report forecasts that Labour, which won 62 seats in the last European elections in 1994, will hold only 34 after next June's poll - a significant setback for Mr Blair. The main beneficiaries would be the Liberal Democrats, whose number of MEPs would jump from two to 10. The Tories, who current-

are already angry about his al- ly hold 18 seats in Strasbourg, would win only four more.
Officials at Millbank said

yesterday the actual results could be even worse for Labour. They insisted the figures, compiled by Adamson Associates. a European public affairs consultancy, were "very optimistic" as they were based on current opinion poll ratings. Officials believe the party's commanding lead may be cut by next summer, especially if the country's economic problems worsen.

Under the controversial "closed list" system of proportional representation chosen by the Government, people will be able to vote only for a party and not for individual candidates, so the parties' rankings in effect decide which candidates become MEPs.

Last night, the House of Lords defied Mr Blair for an unprecedented fourth time by defeating the plan for "closed lists" by 261 votes to 198, and called for "open lists" so that new system because they have

voters could opt for candidates rather than parties. But ministers said the Lords rebellion would eventually be seen off, either by forcing the European Parliamentary Elections Bill through the Lords later this week or reintroducing the measure in the next parliamentary

session which starts on Tuesday The leaked report predicts that at least eight Labour MEPs seeking re-election will not hold their seats under the

been placed too low down the list approved by the party leadership. Privately, Labour officials believe up to 12 sitting MEPs could lose out.

In Strasbourg last night, the document was dubbed "Blair's hit-list" by one Labour MEP. who refused to be named. He said: "This proves what we have suspected, but Millbank has denied. It is now crystal clear there is a purge.

Ken Coates, the left-wing MEP for Nottinghamshire

the editor's book: spice up a dull cover line with the word "sex".

Or, in the Prime Minister's

he used to describe economic

stability in his speech at the

Guildhall on Monday night, in

the hope that it might lure

pulling his sound-bite off the top

"It may not be sexy enough

for the headline writers, but in

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Sexy: Labour's

new buzzword

IT IS one of the oldest tricks in BY THOMAS SUTCLIFFE

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North and Chesterfield, who was expelled from the Labour Party in January, said: "This shows the whole operation is run by control freakery. Anyone who is 'off message' is being dumped."

Labour officials denied the charge, insisting that the "dosed list" system would result in more women and ethnic minority candidates being elected. Peers revolt, page \$

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has an earnest streak to him,

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But it's the Prime Minis-

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even if it made him sound like

Exchequer.

Ken Livingstone. Review, page 3



An early winter frost settles on these flowers in Essex as forecasters predict more chilly weather ahead

### Junior doctors to get 48-hour working week

BY STEPHEN CASTLE and GLENDA COOPER

PLANS TO cut the hours of junior hospital doctors, and phase in a 48-hour working week, will be announced by the European Commission today. The initiative could berald

the resolution of one of the longest-running and most contentious staffing issues in the National Health Service.

The measure will be proposed in a new directive extending the 48-hour week enjoyed by most workers to many still excluded, including junior doctors and transport workers. It would cut working hours for junior doctors to 54 a week as soon as it is adopted, then give the Government



a maximum of 48 hours.

working time as the hours spent on the premises and at the disposal of the hospital authorities. Periods spent asleep

The directive will define

but on call will not be counted.

The punishing regime to

which many junior doctors are subjected has raised fears that exhaustion could endanger patients' safety. The Department of Health has already promised to reduce junior doctors hours to 56, although it estimates that 10-15 per cent of the country's 34,000 doctors work longer.

The Government does not have a veto because the issue will be decided by ministers under qualified majority voting.

Last night a spokeswoman for the British Medical Association said: "It will take a huge effort to make it work by doctors, patients and the health service. Obviously in practical terms they will have great prob-

lems staffing the service." The directive will also apply to 3.5 million transport workers.

### Suicides and bombs as Kurds step up protest

TWO KURDS set themselves on fire in Moscow yesterday and a Kurdish woman killed herself in a suicide bombing in Turkey as the diplomatic crisis across Europe deepened over Abdullah Ocalan, the Kurdish guerrilla leader arrested in

His arrest is the focus of a confrontation between Rome and Ankara, and sparked demonstrations in European cities, most dramatically in Moscow, where the protesters soaked themselves in petrol and set themselves alight out-

fered serious burns. The crisis began when the

struggle for an autonomous tried to enter the country on a flight from Moscow, carrying a false passport. He applied for asylum, but the Turks demanded the return of a man they claim is responsible for

Yesterday the Turkish Cabinet discussed a possible end to capital punishment, which would remove Italy's prime argument against agreeing Mr Ocalan's extradition. For the moment, Rome is holding firm.

For Kurds, Mr Ocalan is a hero, whose detention, Turkish security forces fear, could trigger a spate of terrorist attacks.

in Yuksekova, near where Turkey, Iran and Iraq meet, was the first of its kind since 1996,



# Yesterday's suicide bombing

Italy last week.

thousands of deaths. side parliament. The men suf-

Italians arrested Mr Ocalan, head of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, who has led a 14-year

state in south-east Turkey, as he but may signal the start of a new campaign.

The attempted self-immo lations in Moscow were but the most spectacular of a string of protests yesterday. Bonn saw a march by 4,000 Kurds resident in Germany, while in Rome thousands of Kurds from all over Europe have gathered

The crisis also threatens further to poison relations between Turkey and the EU, already strained by Europe's refusal to give a date for the start of accession negotiations with Ankara, and by the continuing set-to over Cyprus.

Boy's killer convicted The killer of Dillon Hull, 5, shot in a drug feud was jailed for life

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New KGB attacked Russia's security chiefs were accused of corruption by their own officers Foreign P13

Tapes disclosed Lewinsky Tripp tapes were released

**Hobiles warning** Vodaphone warns of mobile phone shortage **Business P20** 

New England captain Tottenham's Sol Campbell has been named England captain. Sport P32

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### Sandline and FO 'in touch'

THE MERCENARIES at the BY FRAN ABRAMS centre of the "Arms to Africa" affair have had contact with the Foreign Office three times on other matters since the scandal broke, a senior official revealed vesterday.

Tim Spicer, who runs Sandline International, contacted civil servants only last week to pass on information about the kidnapping of a British citizen in Angola, MPs were told.

On two further occasions the Foreign Office contacted Mr Spicer at the behest of Robin Cook to warn him off potentially hazardous deals, according to Sir John Kerr, Permanent Secretary at the Foreign Office.

Sir John told an inquiry into inated by Diamondworks to the illegal shipment of arms to Sierra Leone that all recent contacts were carefully logged and ministers informed.

the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee to Sandline was investigated for shipping arms to Sierra Leone's exiled government in breach of a United Nations embargo, but was never prosecuted because it emerged that

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officials had been kept in formed of its plans.

Sir John's revelation of contacts with Mr Spicer over last week's attack on the Diamondworks mine in Angola was surprising because Sandline is not supposed to have anything to do with the operation. However, Tony Buckingham, the patron of Sandline, is also a shareholder in Diamondworks.

Sir John told the MPs Mr Spicer had been in touch about "rumours" he had heard over the missing Briton, Jason Pope. A Foreign Office spokesman said Mr Spicer had been nom-

represent the company in discussions with the Foreign Office. In July and September offi-He was appearing before cials had meetings with Mr Spicer. The first was to sound a warning over "undestrable" give evidence about the affair. contact with a foreign businessman. The second was spell

> against the former Yugoslavia. Sandline last night accused Sir John of a breach of

out the sanctions in place



Sir Edward Heath at an exhibition of Chinese art from the Maoist period at Olympia yesterday. He was the first British premier to visit China under Mao Brian Harris

# New inquiry into missing football cash

FIFA. THE world governing body of football, is to be asked to investigate the transfer of two Chinese players to the United Kingdom following an inquiry by The Independent which found a £400,000 shortfall in the deal.

Crystal Palace, the club that bought the players, called in the English Football Association to examine the deal yesterday. Within hours, the FA said it would ask FIFA to investigate because of the international nature of the

The Independent revealed yesterday that Crystal Palace had agreed to pay £1.35m for Fan Zhiyi and Sun Jihai in August, but inquiries in China found that the Chinese Football

BY STEVE BOGGAN

\$1.5m (£949,367) - a difference of £400,633 at August exchange

At a six-hour board meeting yesterday, furious directors demanded to know where the extra money was headed. In a statement issued last night, the club confirmed it

had called in the FA and asked its auditors, Arthur Anderson, to "conduct a review of related... transactions," as part of an audit already under way. The club, managed by, the

former England coach, Terry Venables, also pledged to examine past transactions when it was owned by former chairman Ron Noades up until this year. Mr Noades declined to comment last night, but he is understood to believe Palace's statement represents the latest in a claim and counter-claim legal battle be-

the current chairman. The Board of Crystal Palace FC were committed to high standards of corporate governance and strong financial management procedures, the

ween him and Mark Goldberg,

club added.

The Independent's inquiries established that the difference in the amounts agreed by the English and Chinese clubs could not be accounted for by normal commissions.

Chinese officials said their agent, Liu Shijun, of Greatgate Overseas Development Co Ltd. based in north west London. and known as Gaode in China, was entitled to 10 per cent

from their expected \$1.5m. Mr Goldberg said the only fees he had paid out were £25,000 plus VAT to the English agent Tom Lawrence - even though Mr Lawrence denied

The Football Association confirmed it had been asked to help Crystal Palace investigate the transaction. Mr Graham Noakes, its head of competition and regulations, would be assigned to the task, according to the FA spokesman

Mr Double added: "We will be speaking to FIFA because international transfers are involved. It will be up to them to press for discovery of any transactions involved."

Football agents are normallicensed by FIFA, although Mr Liu is not under its

Mr Keith Cooper a FIFA spokesman, said the English agent, Mr Lawrence, was icensed as an official FIFA player's agent and as such could be called to account for his actions at any time. FIFA agents lodge a £100,000 bond which may be forfeited in the event of wrongdoing.

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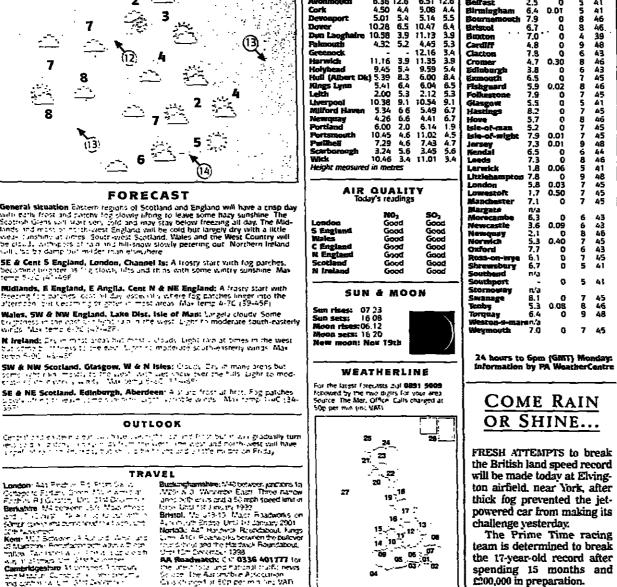
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OR SHINE... FRESH ATTEMPTS to break the British land speed record will be made today at Elvington airfield, near York, after thick fog prevented the jetpowered car from making its challenge yesterday. The Prime Time racing team is determined to break the 17-year-old record after

# THE ATLANTIC NOON TODAY

THE WORLD YESTERDAY 

### First peek at baby dinosaur

THE FIRST glimpse of a baby BY STEVE CONNOR dinosaur's skin has been Science Editor revealed by scientists who discovered thousands of dinosaur searchers believe must have eggs buried in an ancient flood run down the animal's back-

A streak of scales appears to run down the back of the embryo, which was still encased in gulfed the nesting site 90 mil- group of sauropod dinosaurs team of researchers discovered the embryos in more than about 6in in diameter. a dozen intact eggs and 40 egg Patagonia, Argentina.

Lowell Dingus, a research um of Natural History in New York, said: "This is an area of about a square mile that is literally scattered with eggs. Until now we didn't know what these journal Nature, said there are animals looked like before they were hatched."

have retrieved the fossilised skin of dinosaur embryos, one of which has a distinct stripe of scavengers and disintegration larger scales which the re- by the elements."

bone. One specimen has at least 32 pencil-like teeth 2mm long, which the scientists believe its shell when a river of muden- have the same shape as a lion years ago. An international known as the titanosaurs. The eggs are almost spherical and

Sauropods were large plantfragments recovered from a site near Auca Mahuida in eating animals with long necks and tails. Dr Dingus said the dinosaurs would have hatched when they were about 15in long fellow at the American Muse- and would have grown to adults weighing several tons and mea-

suring 45ft from nose to tail. The scientists, who report their findings tomorrow in the so many eggs at the site that it is impossible to walk without

It is the first time scientists crushing them underfoot. "The ... silt protected the eggs, and some of their contents, from



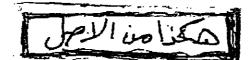
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Paul Seddon(left), jailed for life for murdering Dillon Hill; David Hargreaves (centre) and Craig Hollinrake, received 18 and 16 years respectively for conspiracy to murder

# The short life and gangland death of a child of the drug culture

THERE can be few more By KATHY MARKS poignant symbols of the futility of the drugs trade than fiveyear-old Dillon Hill, shot dead on a cobbled street yards from his home, recipient of a bullet intended for his stepfather.

Dillon's killer, Paul Seddon, 27, was jailed for life yesterday at Preston Crown Court with a recommendation that he serve at least 25 years. He had committed. Mr Justice Forbes told him, "a truly appalling crime".

But to relatives and neighbours of a little boy described as "bursting with love", Seddon was not the only man with blood on his hands. It was his stepfather, John Bates, who had brought the gunman to the family's doorstep in Bolton,

Greater Manchester. Seddon, a contract killer, had been sent to "execute" Bates, a small-time heroin

tune to be walking home hand- who controlled the local drug in-hand with their target on the trade. But he persuaded Dilsummer afternoon when Sed- lon's mother, Jane Hull, not to don struck. Minutes earlier, he call the police. had been playing on a computer at a friend's house.

The jury took nearly 11 hours to find Seddon, a con-

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ing to murder Mr Bates, 30, in August last year. Mr Bates was wounded in the attack.

The judge told Seddon: "You brought sudden terror and violence to the residential streets of Bolton. You also brought death. But not to your intended victim. You only wounded him. You brought death to an innocent little boy."

Two other members of the gang who planned to murder Mr Bates, David Hargreaves, 24, and Craig Hollinrake, 25, were given sentences of 18 and 16 years respectively for conspiracy to murder.

The court heard that an attempt had been made on Mr Bates's life just 17 hours earlier. As he sat in an armchair in bullet ripped through the win-

It was a warning to him that he had fallen foul of the people

fused, I was scared. I should have phoned the police. If I had, Dillon would still be alive."

own wake-up call a year earlier. Charged at Burnley Crown Court with allowing Bates to sell heroin at the house, she was spared jail by a judge who warned her to protect her son

from the evils of drugs. A simple plaque marks the spot where Dillon collapsed and died. The plaque, left by residents of the quiet residential street, reads: "In memory of Dillon Hull. A small flower picked and placed in God's heavenly garden. Born 27-11-91, shot and killed on this spot 6-8-97. An innocent victim.

There were emotional scenes in the packed public gallery yesterday. Relatives of Dillon cried "yes" as the unanimous guilty verdict was an-

Dillon's aunt, Nicola, said the front room of his home, a she had spoken to Jane Hull to should not lose sight of is the stitute methadone. He retell her the verdict. "She's just fact that a five-year-old boy glad it's over," she said. "Life has been put on hold for everybody. Now my nephew can rest for Dillon."

Dillon's grandfather, Robert Hull, said: "I am pleased with He told the court: "It was a the vertict. It's been an apstupid thing to do. I was con-palling time and today has been an ordeal. It was the right decision. We've got to try to get back to normality now, but I still Mrs Hull had ignored her think about Dillon very much."



Detective Superintendent Peter Ellis, who led the murder investigation, said that the crime had sent shockwaves

through the nation. There has been no doubt in my mind as to who was responsible for the murder of has lost his life and everything

he had to look forward to." The court heard that it was never in doubt that Dillon had been loved and well cared for by both his mother and stepfather. Mr Bates had accepted him as his own son. The family had moved from Blackburn to make a new start while Jane Hull was pregnant with Dillon's

half-brother, Codie. Det Supt Ellis said: "It is clear that Jane Hull has had problems in her life. But we have always known that Dillon was a happy child - loved and well cared for."

Codie was born three weeks before the tragedy, but remained in hospital, where he Dillon Hull," he said. "What we was weaned off the heroin submained in hospital, drastically underweight, and never entered the family home while Dil-

> Social services in the area admitted that the family was known to them because of Codie's condition, but said they had never been concerned about Dillon's welfare.

The Area Child Protection Committee held an inquiry into his death, but its chairman, Dr John Ellis, ruled that there

was nothing that the authorities could have done to avert the tragedy. Robert Hull, though, said he had known that the little boy was at risk. "Time and again I pleaded with Jane to

lon's sake," he said. The court had heard that the drug gang decided to kill Mr Bates because he had refused to work for them after moving from Blackburn, where he could buy drugs more cheaply. months. It had been intended as a warning to others that the gang intended to hang on to its

territory. Seddon was given a concurrent 20-year sentence for attempting to murder Mr Bates. The judge told him: "I realise that we may never know pre-

you were acting when you attacked Mr Bates

"I have no doubt, however, your attack on him was carried out in order to further the interests of those dealing in illechange her lifestyle for Dilgal drugs in the Bolton area. You were their hired killer."

A bright, loving child, Dillon touched many people, including Bill Handforth, head teacher at had been a pupil for four

"He was a lovely lad, unusual for his age because he had streets ... We need to keep such a personality," Mr Handforth said.

"He would come up to me and chat about things that were going on. He was very good at reau also expressed support for general knowledge. When I a "balanced" approach. start to talk about him I can picture his face again," cisely who or on whose behalf

### **Schools** menace: **Minister** on attack

By TIM MILES

THE GOVERNMENT went on the offensive yesterday over the issue of drugs in schools, with the Education minister Estelle Morris accusing her Tory critics of "hypocrisy or ignorance".

Ms Morris caused controversy on Mouday when she advised schools to think twice before excluding pupils found with drugs - unless they were trafficking. She was criticised by John Dunford, general secretary of the Secondary Heads' Association, who said exclusion was a vital weapon in maintaining discipline. "There is enormous pressure from governors and parents to make schools a drug-free zone, and the Government should support schools doing that."

David Willetts, shadow Secretary of State for Education. yesterday accused Ms Morris of "undercutting the position" of head teachers. He told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "If a head wants ... zero tolerance at his or her school they should be free to do so."

But Ms Morris hit back by quoting the Tories' own guidance to schools - which echoes her comments. That guidance. due to be updated by the Government this week, said: "The fact that certain behaviour could constitute a violation of the criminal law should not ... automatically lead to exclusion."

Ms Morris said: "The fact is that David Willetts is being either hypocritical or ignorant, since Tory ministers made clear that they did not expect permanent exclusions in all cases and suggested that schools should have a repertoire of responses."

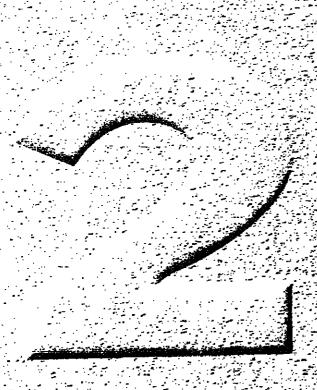
The Government was committed to tackling the menace of drugs in schools, which was why it was investing 522.5m in drugs education over the next three years, she said. And she added: "Our guidance updates the 1995 guidance, making it very clear it is for schools to decide on whether to exclude permanently for all incidents connected with drugs - and pointing out that fixed-term

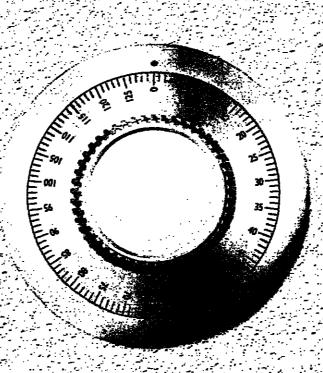
propriate on some occasions." Unison national officer John Findlay, representing educational social workers, backed just to say that the kids should be excluded, that the problem should be put back on to the these kids included in the system so that this issue can be dealt with properly."

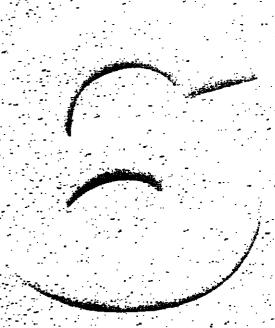
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# Unknowns and losers make their fortune in the Internet gold rush

in New York

THERE WAS a new and presti-gious symbol listed on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday: It was "DSX" and it stands for DaimlerChrysler, the new combination of two of the world's most venerable car-makers ~ corporations with both track records and profits. But who cares, when you have TGLO to

Now. TGLO is the ticker symbol for a tiny New York out-fit that calls itself theglobe.com. This is a company with almost no track record and, worse, no profits at all. So far, it has a history only of losses and its founders cannot even tell when they might make a profit. But theglobe.com is an Internet company so, naturally, you are going to shower it with your hard-earned money anyway. It stands to reason - or not.

Last Friday, the company, which offers help in creating personalised websites, made history with an initial public offering, or IPO, of shares in New York, Priced the night before at a modest \$9 each, the shares at one point reached \$97 during trading on Friday before finally settling at the market's close at \$63.50.

That still meant an increase on the day of sevenfold or a breathtaking 606 per cent.

The IPO, engineered by the Bear Stearns brokerage house, thus became the most successful, in value-gain terms, ever seen on Wall Street. Indeed, during Friday, shares in theglobe.com each changed hands no fewer than five times. such was the frenzy among investors, many of them single individuals buying and selling the fledgling shares over their home computers.

What happened on Friday, around every corner But, for however, was not an isolated incident of collective investor lunacy. Rather, it was just another illustration of the stunning clamour in the US, and also in Britain, for anything that is chairman of the Alamo rent-amoving these days in the Internet industry.

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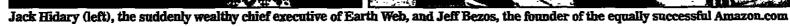
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Microsoft. If the globe.com is it, in the company take on a value they want to make sure that of \$381.6m. That is not bad for a single day's work.

Theglobe.com, in fact, came What we have, in fact, is a contemporary version of the on the heels of another com-American gold rush. The Inpany that also went public last ternet is the new Wild West. week. Earth Web, also based in Just as in the days of the old New York's aptly named Silicon Alley, offers Internet profesfrontier, there are dangers sionals a forum to chat on line now, caution is taking second about problems and new software products.

they have a slice.

Already, however, a few are It debuted last Wednesday getting insanely rich. Take Michael Egan, 58, the former with an IPO share price of \$14. By Friday's close it had risen fivefold to \$48.69. Its suddenly wealthy presicar company, who is now chair-

man of the New York-based dent and the chief executive is Jack Hidary, who founded the theglobe.com. With 6.01 milcompany in 1994 with his brothsomewhere out there is the new day night he had seen his stake er, Murray Hidary.

cooling in the enthusiasm for theglobe.com and Earth Web since last week. As some investors saw the chance for profit taking, theglobe.com saw its market value slip 23 per cent on Monday. Earth Web also suffered some slippage yesterday. Even so, the ability of Inter-

net stocks to defy gravity is a phenomenon that is shocking even to many of the professional analysts. "The valuations being ascribed to these very young companies makes almost no sense," said Lise Buyer, an analyst with Credit Suisse First Boston in New York. Consider this, for example - theglobe.com had a mar-

True, there has been a slight ket value on Friday night of \$622m, while in the first nine months of the year it made a loss of \$11.5m on revenue of \$2.7m. That means it was trading at a market capitalisation that was at 357 times revenue. The average US company trades at five times its revenue.

The success of the IPO by theglobe.com "would never have happened if you did not have the Internet feeding frenzy", said David Menlow, the president of the IPO Financial Network news service.

Indeed, it is not just the latest start-ups that are sucking cash. According to Goldman Sachs, Internet stocks as a whole shot up no less than 11.5

ecutive, was sky-rocketing per cent just in the first 10 days of this month. That is more again vesterday. than double other sectors in a market which, admittedly, has ly, it is about the expectation been having an unexpectedly that doing business on the Instrong run since the downturn

of early October. Among the star performers is Bay Inc, an on-line auctioneer, which also recently listed and is now worth almost \$5bn - about 733 times its expected 1999 revenue.

Since last month's market lows. Yahoo!, the browser engine, has seen its value soar by 72 per cent, while Amazon.com, the on-line bookseller, is up

Amazon, founded by Jeff Bezos, who is also its chief ex-

### Carey warns on church schools

BY CLARE GARNER

Television

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This is, of course, all about

expectations. More specifical-

ternet, and especially retail

Proof may come as soon as

this Christmas season, Recent

studies show that consumers in

the US are poised to spend

\$2.3bn buying products via cy-

berspace, up from \$1.1bn last

year. According to the polling

company Louis Harris, 43 per

cent of all Americans who own

computers will do some of their

Christmas shopping on the In-

ternet, compared with just 10

per cent a vear ago.

commerce, is about to boom.

THE ARCHBISHOP of Canterbury last night criticised government plans to reduce the Church of England's control of its schools.

Dr George Carey told the General Synod that he feared a clash with the Government over proposed legislation, which would reduce the voting rights of church representatives on local education committees. The church lays great store by the value of a Christian ethos in its 5,000 schools.

Dr Carcy said: "While the Government has been receptive to many of our views about education, there is I fear the possibility - I put it no higher - of some of the shine being taken off that understanding. As currently envisaged in the consultation document Modernising Local Government, the voice of the church could be weakened - and with it the ability to influence thinking on education - a development that would sit awkwardly alongside the current cooperative spirit."

The Church of England, which provides education for one in four primary pupils and one in 20 secondary pupils, is keen to expand its role. In so doing it would be "fulfilling a crucial part of [its] mission to spread the gospel." Dr Carey said.

However, the Government appears to be moving in the opposite direction, reducing rather than increasing the church's influence. The consultation paper, published by the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, does not fully recognise or guarantee the voting rights of church nominces at local level.

A spokesman for Mr Prescott denied that church nominees were being excluded from the decision-making process. In future they would sit on "scrutiny committees" which would give them a "more dynamic role", he said. "They will be able to account for and propose issues rather than merely be present on a body which sees through decisions already taken."

The synod voted in favour of setting up a commission to draft a future strategy for church schools.

"The context for our work, which is no doubt feeding back to all those involved in this issue, is a collapse of public support in Britain that has worsened over the summer"

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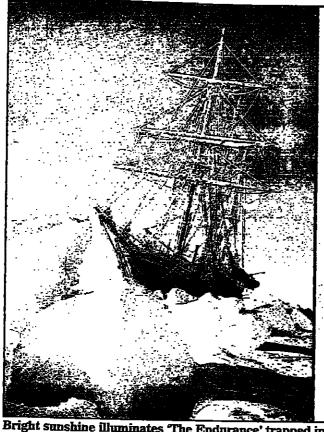
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Carey Warns on church

# Shackleton's adventure comes in from the cold







Bright sunshine illuminates 'The Endurance' trapped in the ice (left), the port watch play the starboard watch at football (centre) and Charles Green, the cook, skins a penguin caught on the ice for dinner

PICTURES NEVER seen before of Shackleton's expedition to the South Pole are to be published in a new book. The images tell an astonishing story of the crew's months of waiting to be rescued after their ship had sunk; and they show the chilling beauty of

The pictures, some of which

BY DAVID LISTER Arts News Editor

Shackleton and a crew of Endurance bound for the South Atlantic. Their goal was to be the first men to under the floes and sank on 21 are reproduced here, range cross Antarctica, the last unfrom a game of football on the claimed prize in the history of five months the crew was

exploration. Weaving a treacherous path through the icy stranded on the ice floes before reaching the relative safety of Weddell Sea, they were within Elephant Island 80 miles of their destination

when the ship was trapped in his crew set off in a boat for the ice. help 800 miles away in South For the next 10 months they Georgia. After four rescue atwaited for the ice to break, but tempts, Shackleton and every it never happened and The member of his crew returned Endurance was crushed A new book by the American

November 1915. For the next academic Caroline Alexander

it also tells another miraculous survival story - those of the photographs of Frank Hurley, Then Shackleton and five of the Australian photographer who joined the crew of The En-

> Hurley's images, most of which have never been seen before, re-create the crew's daily struggles to stay alive.

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SUCCESS IS A DIRECT RESULT OF AMBITION,

The glass-plate negatives were stored in hermetically sealed cannisters that lasted five months on the ice floes, a week in an open boat on the polar seas and five months buried in the snows of a rocky outcrop called Elephant Is-

Although ordered to abandon his negatives in the wreck freezing waters before rescuing them. Towards the end of Shackleton's expedition first the ordeal Hurley had to abandon most of his equipment and captured many of the moments with a pocket camera and a single roll of Kodak film.

Movie film footage that Hurley took has now been restored by the British Film Institute and will be shown next of The Endurance, Hurley month at the National Film

saw the expedition footage they felt it was not commercial enough, lacking any scenes of polar animal life. So Hurley was ordered to return for shots of penguins and elephant

■ The Endurance by Caroline Alexander is published by Bloomsbury on 29 November,

# Public rejects genetically modified food

MOST BRITONS reject geneti- By MICHAEL MCCARTHY cally modified food, according to private research for Monsanto, the company promoting it worldwide.

The research, conducted by Stan Greenberg, opinion poll-Blair, indicates that the US biotechnology giant faces a crisis over its image and with public acceptance of its products in the UK.

Monsanto's £1m summer advertising campaign, aimed at converting what Mr Greenberg calls Britain's "élite networks", was "overwhelmed" by the collapse of public support, he writes in a devastatingly frank analysis, which has been leaked to Greenpeace. Monsanto confirmed last night that the document was genuine.

Mr Greenberg, one of the world's leading polisters who helped President Clinton to victory in 1992 and has now formed a company with Tony Blair's media adviser, Philip Gould, pulls no punches in his private account of the company's PR predicament.

There is substantial opposition from the public. from the media, and not least, from retailers, he says. He quotes senior executives from leading supermarkets such as Waitrose, Tesco and Safeway expressing anger at the highhanded way in which, they say, Monsanto brought genetically modified (GM) food into Europe shows us they're in a com-

**Environment Correspondent** 

by mixing bioengineered soya products with normal ones, allowing consumers no choice. "The latest survey shows

support for biotechnology and GM foods," he writes. "At each point in this project, we keep thinking that we have reached the low point and that public opinion will stabilise, but we apparently have not reached that point. The latest survey shows a steady decline over the year, which may have accelerated in the most recent period."

He reveals that his research now shows an absolute majority of people in Britain rejecting foods with genetically modified ingredients. "The number saying that these products are 'unacceptable' has sky-rocketed: 35 per cent last year, rising to 44 per cent before the summer and to 51 per cent now," he writes.

The one hope Mr Greenberg holds out for Monsanto is with politicians and government scientists. "Fully half of the MPs [he surveyed] see benefits outweighing risks: 70 per cent of the MPs reacted positively to GM foods."

Last night the executive director of Greenpeace UK, Peter Melchett, said the document showed Monsanto was in crisis over its activities in Britain. "It

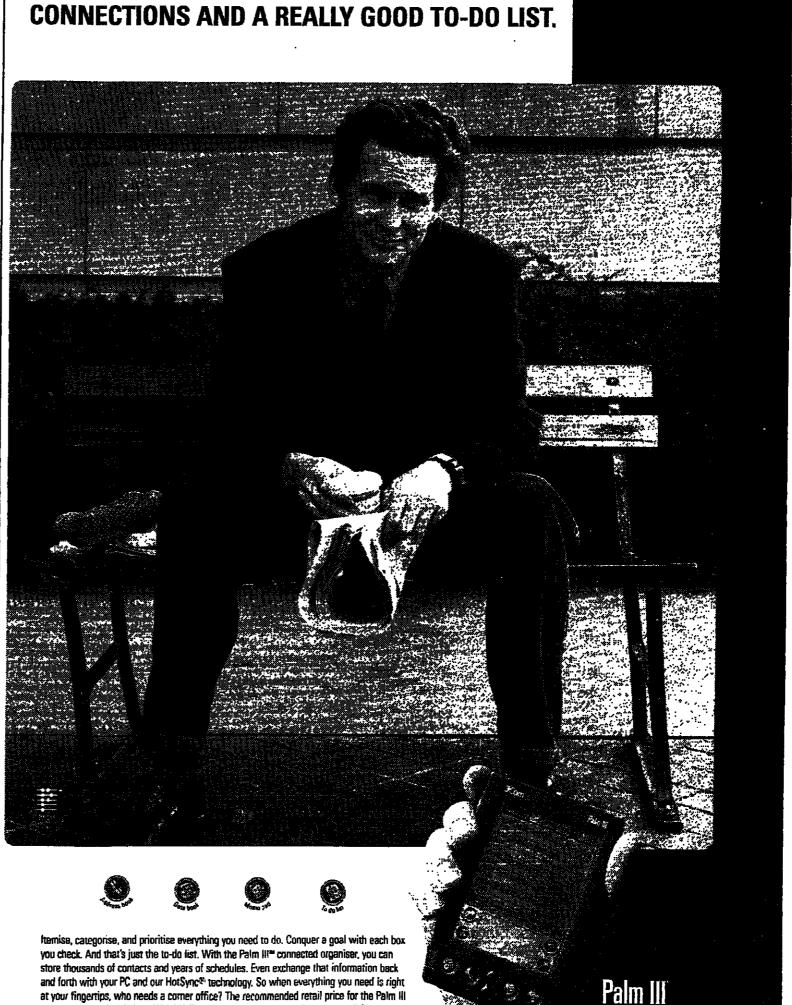
pletely hopeless position in terms of acceptance by the general public, and on a knife edge as to whether the people in power are going to listen to them or listen to the public," Mr was not designed to start a public debate, as they claimed, but designed to sway a small group of élite opinion formers."

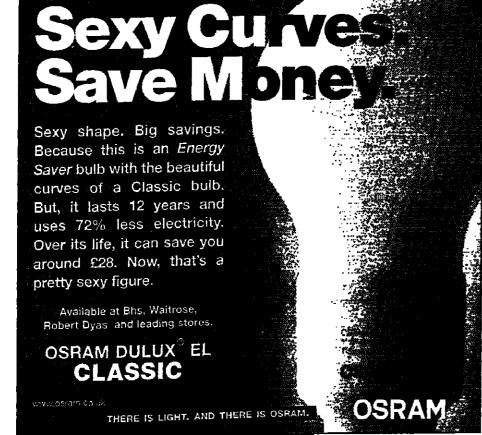
Mr Greenberg was not available at his Washington office last night. A spokesman for Monsanto

said the document had been prepared for a company meeting. "There is nothing new or different from what we have been talking about all summer in it," he said. "No one would argue that there is a lot of concern and questions about biotechnology right now." This year opposition to GM

food has been more fiercely expressed than ever before in Britain, with the Prince of Wales, an organic farmer, making two outspoken attacks and declaring he would not serve it to his family or guests. English Nature, the Government's wildlife agency, called for a three-year moratorium on the commercial planting of genetically modified crops, saying that the deadlier weedkillers some can support are ex-

tremely harmful to wildlife. The Government has indicated that it may prolong commercial trials by an extra year.







# Rail watchdog is wrong kind of commuter



Commutors on the Berkhamsted are delighted at the high-level backing for their complaints about services

-but this time the rail industry had encountered the wrong sort of commuter. And he was

THE LETTER seemed to be

like every other complaint

The commuter was John O'Brien, responsible for overfranchises on the privatised railway, and his letter to Railtrack's chief executive, Gerald Corbett, pulled no punches.

Mr O'Brien was angry at claims by Railtrack that the current poor performance on the companies not having any incentives to run trains well - only

But in his letter, which was leaked to the media, he used his commuter from Berkhamsted in Hertfordshire to London Euston to hammer home his point. He said suffered a "formidable range of problems" travelling on both Virgin and Silverlink trains using the southern end of the decaying West Coast main line between London and

Transport Correspondent

Frankly, performance on this route has been quite appalling recently, with the majority of delays tracking back to areas which are your responsibility. Yesterday's gripe - my seeing the passenger train train was half an hour late because of points failure at Watford, again." He said it was "obvious that many delays had nothing to do with how far the operators are incentivised to provide a punctual service".

The Independent on Sunday last week revealed that Mr O'Brien had told Mr Corbett he was "manifestly wrong" when he claimed the train companies did not have enough incentives. His comments have forced into the open a private simmering row between Railtrack and the train companies over who is to blame for the re-

cent slump in performance. Yesterday a spokesman for Silverlink, which carries more than 40,000 commuters a day from Bedfordshire, Hertford shire and Northamptonshire said Mr O'Brien's comments "reflect those of Silverlink and those of our customers. We would refute the allegations

centives for us to perform better," a spokesman said, adding that about 10 per cent of delays were due to Silverlink, 10 per cent were acts of God, leaving 80 per cent attributable to Rail-

track or other parties. Railtrack said the West Coast Line had been starved of investment for decades under British Rail. A spokesman said under a joint venture Railtrack and Virgin Trains were investing £3.5bn to upgrade the line for 140mph trains that would

benefit all users of the line. Commuters on the 14.48 Berkhamsted to Euston train yesterday were delighted that such a senior figure in the industry had taken up their

Leon Viljoen, a county court judge who commutes to Watford and Milton Keynes from London, kept a six-week record of journeys last year. He said delays were "so frequent and so regular that one incident runs into another. It is so frequent that it beggars belief."

and the train companies is likely to continue until next week when they are summoned for a Prescott, the Deputy Prime



LONDON'S beleaguered Ju-bilee Line extension is likely to Labour Editor cost almost £1bn more than originally planned.

The transport minister Glenda Jackson confirmed last night that the cost of the link between central London and the Millennium Dome in Greenwich has escalated from £1.9bn in 1993 to £2.85bn.

The eventual cost may be even higher and, to add to the troubles, the line was hit by strike action yesterday. There have been allegations of sabotage and directors of the biggest electrical contractor on the project alleged that some of the electricians who walked out

had been guilty of vandalism. The company, Drake and Scull, has urged the Amaigamated Engineering and Electrical Union to take action against the "villains and thugs" accused of damaging equipment. The union has replied that if there is evidence of criminal damage, the

police should be informed. Sheila Knight, the company's personnel manager, confirmed

legations of sabotage, but said there had been "no serious incidents" and it was not a big

The company professed surtrial action by 400 electricians, which was in protest at the transfer of 11 employees from London Bridge to Green Park. Union sources said the men were angry that a safety representative, who had pointed out deficiencies in fire alarms at London Bridge, was one of those transferred.

Peter Mandelson, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who is responsible for the completion of the Dome, is trying to ensure that the link is open in time for the celebrations, However, completion has been delayed because of industrial unrest and technical problems.

Senior managers believe the damage to equipment has been done by disaffected employees intent on delaying the project to that management had made al- prolong their employment.

### IN BRIEF

#### Le Shuttle strike threat lifted

DRIVERS OF Channel Tunnel shuttle trains yesterday called off four threatened pre-Christmas strikes after accepting a pay deal. Eurotumnel said it was "delighted". The drivers' union Aslef, which is not recognised by the company, said Eurotunnel had improved its original pay offer only because of the strike threat. Two staged increases will take the base salary from £17,200 to £18,700, the union said.

### Hunger striker 'cause for concern'

A DOCTOR has been called to the prison bedside of Barry Horne, an animal rights campaigner who has been on hunger strike since 6 October. The Prison Service said his condition was "giving cause for concern". Horne, who is serving 18 years for arson, is protesting against the Government's failure to investigate the use of animals in medical experiments.

#### Shoplifter agrees to drug tests A DRUG-ABUSING shoplifter has become the first criminal

in Britain sentenced to a treatment programme aimed at ending his habit and criminal career. Prison failed to reform John Nimmo, 27, of Croydon, but probation officers hope an order for weekly random drug tests does the trick.

### Anglo-Saxon cemetery found

MORE THAN 1,500 human skeletons believed to date from between the fifth and 11th centuries have been exhumed from the site of a proposed petrol station south of Dublin. The remains are thought to be from a cemetery of Anglo-Saxon traders.

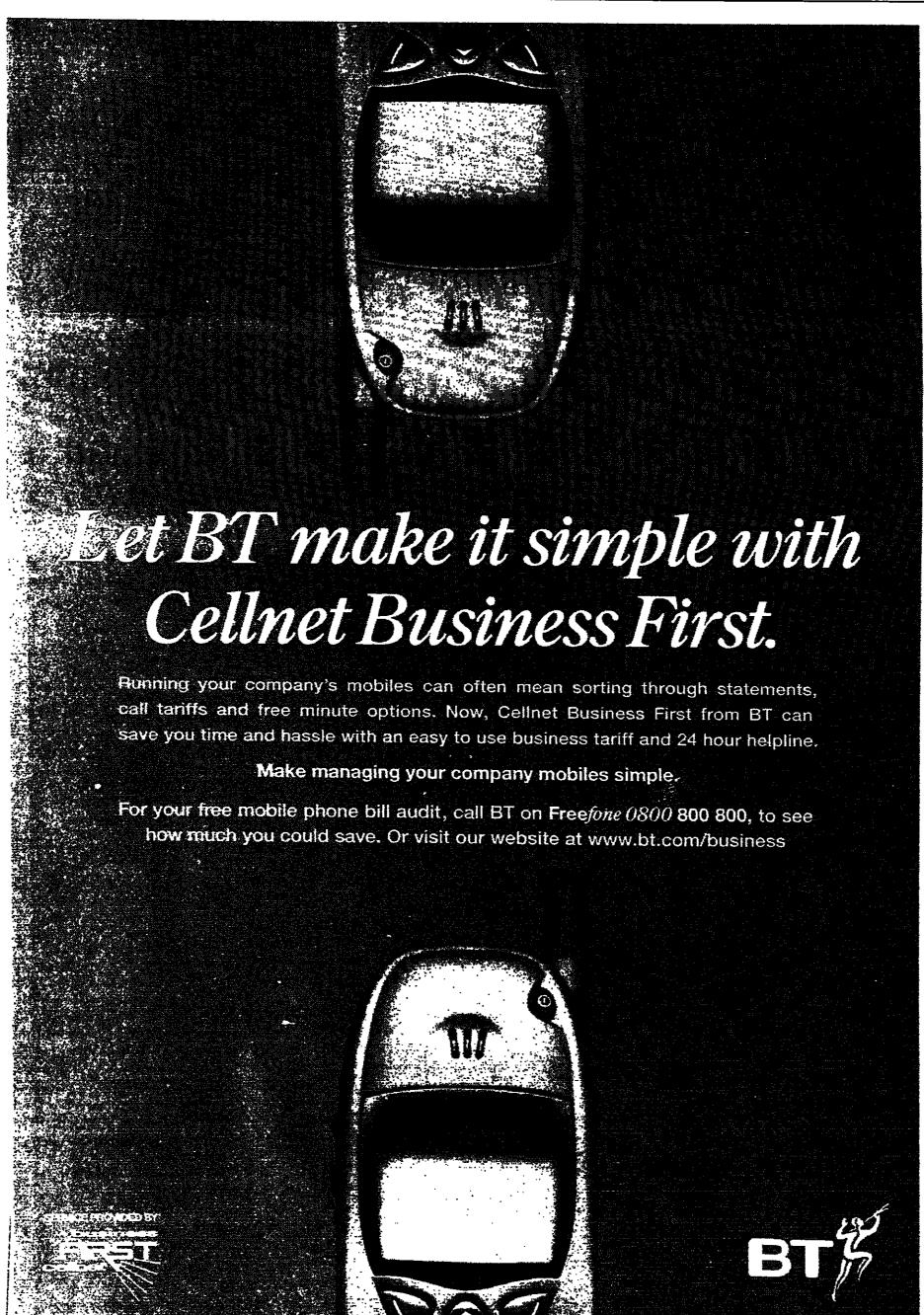


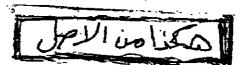
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# TV gang rape documentary angers blacks

A LEADING black organisation is to stage a demonstration outside Channel 4 headquarters tomorrow to coincide with the screening of a documentary that claims to have established that most juvenile gang rapes are carried out by black youths.

The protest in central London has been called by the National Assembly Against Racism, which is accusing the programme of demonising young black men and feeding stereotypes that associate them with sexual violence. But the documentary, to be broadcast tomorrow night as part of Channel 4's Disputches series. was applauded by some black commentators for highlighting a disturbing phenomenon. They said it was time for a rational debate about an unpalatable subject.

The programme-makers, Laurel Productions, identified 14 cases of juvenile gang rape tried by the courts since 1996. Of these, nine were carried out by all-black gangs, it says, and all but one of the rest by mixed groups that included Afro-Caribbean youths.

Eighty-six per cent of the 79 youths charged with rape or indecent assault in the 14 cases were black, researchers found In one case in Birmingham, the ringleaders were aged just 12

KATHY MARKS

The majority of victims were black girls.

The validity of the statistics and the methodology of the re-search were attacked yesterday by several academics, including Dr Tony Sewell, a professor of education at the University of Leeds, who took part in a postbroadcast studio discussion. He condemned the documen-

tary as "sloppy journalism". Professor Mike Hough, a criminologist at South Bank University, said: "I would look first to social rather than ethnic factors to explain these figures. The racial explanation is almost certainly wrong, but it will resonate with certain people."

According to the Home Office, 6.337 rapes were reported in Britain in 1997. But the statistics are not broken down according to race or the number of perpetrators involved. Laurel Productions relied on figures given to it by individual police forces and crown courts.

The controversy has been stirred by Darcus Howe, the black broadcaster, who chaired the studio discussion. Writing earlier this week, he said the programme had opened his eyes to the "alarming" extent of the problem. "We need to clarify the reason for it and

what we can do to stop it." Mr Howe wrote, speculating that the weight of history - specifically, the brutalisation of black slaves on Caribbean sugar plantations - was to blame.

The airing of the issue was also welcomed by Donu Kogbara, a black journalist who took part in the debate. She said yesterday she believed a "sense of powerlessness" lay at the root of sexual violence by Afro-Caribbean men. "The black man is so despised by white society that the only person who is lower than him is a black woman," she said. "It's the one area of power he can exercise."

Chris Oxley, head of Laurel, admitted that the problem was "tiny", but said it caused fear among girls on certain innercity estates. Of the 14 cases, half took place in south London. There was scathing criti-

cism of the programme yesterday in New Nation, the Afro-Caribbean newspaper. An editorial dismissed it as "tabloid television".

Lee Jasper, the national secretary of the National Assembly Against Racism, said the figures were skewed by a spate of rapes in specific areas such as south London. "It is a horrendous crime, but it is not a national problem. It needs to be discussed within the wider context of black-on-black violence."



Fay Wray stepping on to the stage for the screening of her film "The Wedding March', made in 1926, which was shown yesterday at the Sadler's Wells Theatre with live orchestral accompaniment Laurie Lewis

### Pleasure keeps diseases at bay

By Roger Dobson

IT IS the news chocaholies have been waiting for chocolate is good for you. The only problem is you have to snift it, not eat it.

Scientists have discovered that chocolate causes so much pleasure that the immune system works harder, attacking diseases and infections.

Research shows just how powerful pleasure and happiness are in helping the immune system and keeping us healthy. Work by a team of academics and specialists shows that being happy and being healthy are far more closely linked than previously thought.

One of the team, Dr Angela Clow from the University of Westminster, in central London. has for the first time found a link between smells and the immune system.

She asked three groups of blindfolded volunteers to smell water, chocolate and rotten meat, and found that those who sniffed the chocolate secreted larger amounts of a powerful antibody, im-munoglobulin A, proof that the immune system was working harder. In those who smelt rotten meat, the levels dropped and in those exposed to water it fell too.

The theory is that repeated exposure to pleasurable experiences leads to sustained Laurie Lewis | higher levels of antibodies.

### Bashir move to BBC signals Monica wars

MARTIN BASHIR, the BBC jour- BY JANE ROBINS nalist who interviewed Diana, Princess of Wales and the for-Monica Lewinsky.

final stages of negotiation between the former White House intern's lawyers and Channel 4. However, it is understood Mr Bashir renowned for securing big television interviews, will lobby Miss Lewinsky in an effort to persuade her that he, not Channel 4's Jon Snow, would be a better bet as an interviewer.

Channel 4 has agreed to pay

£1m deal with the British author

Granada also means he will work with the newsreader tion's new current affairs programme, 60 Minutes.

ON THE PAST.

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been criticised for being too soft in his lines of questioning, both to Princess Diana and Miss Woodward. However, the prominence of both interviews in Britain and America has meant that broadcasters have been offering high prices to secure a contract with him. Earlier this year he was offered

While at the BBC, Mr Bashir was hamstrung in any efforts to secure the Lewinsky interview, as the corporation was not prepared to enter the bidding war. Industry insiders describe his move as a sign of a new sort of "tabloid television", in which broadcasters offer large sums to secure interviews with people in

Lewinsky tapes, page 14

Media Correspondent mer au pair Louise Woodward. Miss Lewinsky £400,000 for the defected to Granada Televi- story of her affair with Presision yesterday. The move has dent Bill Clinton, and Granada prompted speculation that is likely to have to put up a sim-Granada will step up its at llar amount of cash to prevent tempts to secure the worldwide its rival signing an agreement rights to an interview with in the next few days. It was confirmed on Monday \$1.5m a year to join CNN. The Lewinsky deal is in the Miss Lewinsky has agreed to a

> Andrew Morton to write her biography, which is expected to be published in February. Mr Bashir's contract with Trevor McDonald on the sta-

In the past, Mr Bashir has

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### Lords game of ping-pong sets the moths a-flutter

row passageway that leads into the press gallery, in which journalists wait while prayers are conducted, there was a moth's flutter of excitable clichés yesterday. "Scorched earth," whispered one voice; "Uncharted waters" hissed another. I nism, depending on your point of wondered for a moment whether this was my first encounter with ruof power, but the pinched aperture in question hardly qualifies for such a grand description and the most powerful person present was probably the clerk. Still, the bathos of the shortfall could be taken as ap-

RARELY DOES the House of Lords quicken the pulse, but in the nar- anticipation had been provoked by Callaghan described it as table anticipation had been provoked by the prospect of yet another debate on the European Parliamentary Elections Bill a confrontation dred yards down the pitch. We can which is either Democracy's siege of the Alamo or the last silly indulgence of an indefensible anachro-

> ping-pong with the Commons over system, and the rally has lasted far longer than it should. At least, most people think they've been playing ping-pong, though Lord

was another game altogether. "We have carried the ball several hunnow go for the line or kick for touch," he said, inviting peers to consider the merits of an amendment to the amendment to the amendment. The Lords decided it was simpler to go for the line, mour buzzing through the corridors THE LORDS have been playing sending the Bill back to the Commons once more. It was at this point an amendment on the closed-list I realised what the game was -pingpong played with a rugby ball, an which the classic game suffers.



exciting variation that removes the cures some bizarre contortions dull predictability of bounce from from both teams. Urging his fellow

Government's latest attempt at compromise, a pledge that there would be a review looking at how closed lists operated. "Talk about crumbs from a rich man's table," he said scornfully. Behind him rich close-fisted arrogance of them up at the big House, like beaters deprived of an expected tip. On the other side Lord Evans of Parkside decided to try a disguised topspin, pointing out to Conservative peers LORD PEYTON of Yeovil confessed how devastating it would be for to his colleagues that he had recently Labour Party electoral fortunes if found himself in very warm agree-

ternal division. Almost every Labour backbencher would silently thank them. He clearly wanted to alarm the opposition with the prospect of unintentional fellowtravelling but the issue has alcross-party alliances, and Conservative peers have been relishing the novelty of quoting renegade Labour

the Bill went through. Kill it, on the ment with Mr Tony Benn". He

of local democracy Lord MacKay of other hand, and the party would be chuckled at the thought of this un-Ardbrecknish pooh-poohed the spared the embarrassment of inlikely turn of events. Lord Callaghan stormed back with a fine speech, attempting to tweak his colleague's sense of shame that an unelected body should overturn the decisions of an elected one. This is a powerful argument, the only powerful one men rhubarbed indignantly at the ready forged some unusual the Government has, but it tends to have little force when aimed at men who think election is a rather vulgar way of entering Parliament. It was batted away by Lord Tebbit. It isn't often that it's hard to tear yourself away from a Parliamentary debate because you want to see who will win the day - but yesterday was one of

# Blair furious at hereditary peers' revolt

THE GOVERNMENT was dealt a massive constitutional blow and faces the loss of legislation on the voting system for next year's European elections after it suffered an unprecedented fourth defeat by defiant peers

In an increasingly bitter clash between the two Houses, the Lords voted by 261 to 198 a majority of 63 – for an "open list" system which would allow electors to vote for named can-

The Government has already overturned three previous defeats, insisting on the "closed list" system under which electors can vote only for the party of their choice and not individual candidates.

defeat as an "affront to democracy", saying: "The Tories claim the centralised party machine. to be representing the interests wheel out hereditary peers, elected by nobody, to overturn the democratically elected government. Every time they do so they make the case for the reform of the Lords."

Political Reporter

The European Parliamentary Elections Bill will go back to the Commons for the fifth time today and ministers will have to decide whether they will stand firm and continue the "parliamentary ping-pong" over the issue.

If no compromise is found until Parliament prorogues tomorrow, ministers are likely to rush through a new Bill during the new session of Parliament which opens later this month.

But Labour backbenchers both in the Commons and the Lords have joined peers in their criticism that closed lists Tony Blair condemned the are undemocratic because they would give too much power to

> Summing up after a tense debate, Lord Williams of Mostyn, the Home Office Minister, warned peers that another open lists." government defeat would be a "wholly improper abuse of their

Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, the former Labour prime minister, urged the Tories to "stop playing games and call off the troops". He spoke of a "self-con-fessed hooligan tendency" in the Conservative Party, adding: "Are you really doing a service for the chorus of democracy? What gives you the right, being unelected and unaccountable to no one, to insist that the Government lose their Bill."

Lord McNally, the Liberal Democrat spokesman, called the Opposition tactics a "constitutional outrage".

However, the Bishop of Hereford, the Rt Rev John Keith Oliver, pronounced his dismay over the "closed lists" system, saying: "I agree that no system is perfect, but this system is the least perfect and the right thing for me to do by the democratic principle which has prevailed in this country for a very long time is to vote for

The Tory party leader, William Hague, said the defeat was "a victory for common



Teresa May, the Conservative education spokeswoman, and Damian Green, the Tory MP for Ashford, who say the Government is introducing new rules that could mean as many as 36 children in a class when the pledge was to cut the number to 30

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### Ballot on future of grammar schools rigged, say Tories

GOVERNMENT PLANS to hold ballots on Britain's remaining grammar schools would "rig" the vote in favour of abolition, Tory MPs claimed yesterday.

The shadow Schools Minister, Damien Green, led an opposition onslaught on the proposals during a heated debate in the Commons. He claimed that it was unfair on parents that the question on hallot papers would not include

But the Schools Minister. Estelle Morris, told the Fifth Standing Committee on Education (Grammar School Bal-

Education Correspondent lots) Regulations 1998, that all

ballots would be unambiguous. MPs approved the new regulations, effectively handing the decision on the future of the 166 remaining grammar schools to local parents. Under the rules, 20 per cent of parents must sign a petition to trigger the phrase "grammar school". a ballot on the future status of a selective school.

However, the Tories claimed that it was misleading to ask the 1920s", he said. parents if they were in favour

of "all the schools listed introducing admission arrangements which admit children of all abilities". Mr Green said many parents would not realise the implications of a vote. Phil Willis, a Liberal Demo-

crat education spokesman, also

criticised the detailed rules, branding them a "dog's dinner". Graham Lane, the education chairman of the Local Government Association, said the system was broadly fair. Tory attacks on the proposals were "the rantings of people living in

There have already been have grammar schools.

complaints from anti-selection campaigners that the rules favour some grammar schools. In some areas with scattered remaining grammar schools, only schools would have a vote.

It was also claimed yesterday the campaign to abolish the last grammar schools has been half the local authorities which still run selective schools. The Campaign for State Education said it had received expressions of interest from parents in 14 of the 36 authorities which still

### Field calls for compulsory pensions

Reform minister, called yesterday for compulsory stakeholder second pensions, linked to average earnings, to end the "two nations in retirement" in Britain.

Ahead of the long-awaited Green Paper on pensions reform, Mr Field argued there

By Sarah Schaefer Political Reporter

should be pensions for all people in work aged 20 and over. with a guaranteed 30 per cent of average earnings for single pensioners once they retired. Tony Blair hinted last week

formed and Alistair Darling, the Secretary of State for Social Security has spoken out in favour of stakeholder pensions. Introducing his Stakeholder

likely to be fundamentally re-

Pension Bill, which was given a formal first reading by 36 votes to one, Mr Field said

that the pensions system was under his measure the pensions would include special provisions for the poor and those who were not part of the labour market such as carers and parents looking after children under five years old.

The Bill has no chance of becoming law because of a lack of parliamentary time.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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TWO OF Britain's biggest financial services providers, National Westminster and Allied Dunbar, have been removed from the Treasury's list of institutions, "named and shamed" over slow progress in compensating victims of pensions misselling, Treasury Economic Secretary Patricia Hewitt

Hurricane aid

British military aid to help victims of Hurricane Mitch is likely to cost less than £100,000, the Defence Ministry said last night. Two Royal Navy ships.

troops - including 500 Royal Marines - helped survivors of the devastation caused in Honduras earlier this month. Armed Forces Minister Doug Henderson said in a Commons written reply that the forces would have been training or operating in the Caribbean anyway.

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Britain's workforce took one day a week off work on average through sickness and injury, junior Cabinet Office minister Peter Kilfoyle said in a written

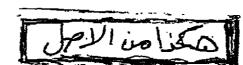
#### Discounts cut The Government came

under heavy fire over plans to cut discounts for council tenants buying their homes from the current £50,000 maximum discount for council home buyers, to 60 per cent of the value of a house and up to 70 per cent of the value of a flat. Tories claimed such moves would cost tenants up to £28,000 each and affect 10 per cent of families nationally and 25 per cent in London.

Today's Business: Commons: 9.30am: Backbench debates on environmental effects of taxation, the pig and livestock industry, recent floods in South Wales, the proposal for a trial in The Hague for the alleged Lockerbie suspects, the use THE HOUSE



of private finance initiative by West Hertfordshire Health Authority Cabinet Office questions. Prime Minister's questions. The European Parliamentary Elections Bill, consideration of Lords amendments. Northern Ireland Bill. consideration of Lords amendments. Short debate on immediate health care on North Norfolk Lords: Registration of Political Parties Bill. Short debate on the state of agriculture.





# Territorials' strength cut by 13,000

THE BIGGEST shake-up of By Bob Roberts Britain's reservists in their 80year history was announced by is only by facing up to the new

the Government yesterday. George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, said numbers in the Territorial Army would fall from 54,000 to 41,200, saving £70m a year.

The number of soldiers retained is 1,200 higher than first proposed in July, but will still mean halving the number of infantry battalions in the TA. Of the 455 TA centres across the country, 87 will be closed and sold, raising £40m for the Government.

Mr Robertson said the cuts were not just aimed at saving money, but were necessary to reform the TA. "We need a modern TA that is more relevant, more usable and more fully integrated into our armed forces, and our defence plans."

He said the TA needed to move away from its traditional image of "weekend warriors", training to defend the UK mainland from a Cold War invasion. Instead he wanted supporting the regular army and being more integrated

into the armed forces. Mr Robertson said: "I realise that some of our conequally I remain convinced of the need for change, and to improve the TA for those who in the TA will be increased by vill continue to serve in it. It 2,000 so they have the ability to

challenges of the post-Cold War world that we will be able to build a territorial army for the future. Just as our regular armed forces must change to meet the demands of the modern world, so must our reserve

cal threats to Britain.

Ministry of Defence also con-

be retained for cadets only.

from 24 to 14.

John Maples, the Tories' defence spokesman, said the cut in numbers undermines the TA's traditional role of providing assistance in times of emergency.

The Liberal Democrat defence spokesman, Menzies Campbell, has warned that the cut could could harm the regular army as the TA is seen as a way of attracting new recruits, and it could also end an armed force presence in large parts of the country.

Under the changes the present 33 battalions of infantry will be reduced to 15. They will be spread across the country and there will be consultations on what they will be called, to the service to concentrate on preserve historic regiment and battalion names. No traditional cap badges will be abolished.

Four new yeomanry regiments will be created, down clusions in the Strategic from seven, but they will train Defence Review have led us to on modern Challenger 2 battle make tough choices. But tanks and reconnaissance vehicles.

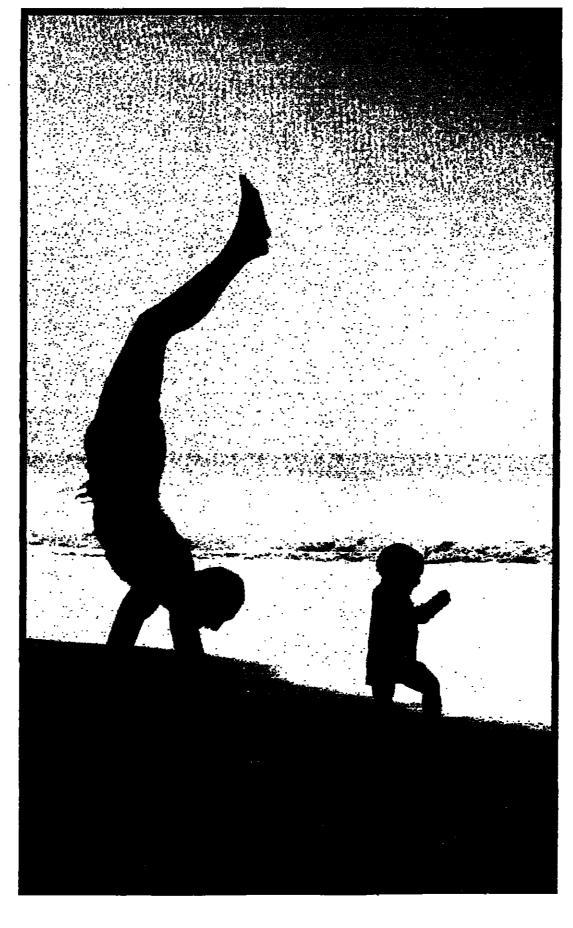
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56 retained. Four centres will A female soldier crawling through netting on a Territorial Army assault course

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### **GP** is jailed for attacks

A POPULAR and hard-working By MATTHEW BRACE GP, who won the trust of young women patients and then Five of the victims were pagroped them while they lay on his surgery couch, was jailed for ers were patients at the Yeadon three-and-a-half years yesterover 17 years.

Dr Gerald Walmsley, 50, of Langton Green, Kent, a former assistant to a consultant gynaecologist, was found guilty of 10 charges of indecent assault relating to eight women between 1980 and 1997. Each happened after the GP had gone out of his way to help and reassure the women and when they felt at ease with him.

He was convicted at Maidstone Crown Court and now faces being struck off by the General Medical Council as well as being sued by at least two of the women.

The jury returned unanimous verdicts on nine charges and a majority verdict on the tenth. Walmsley denied all the charges and was still legally practising at his surgery in Tunbridge Wells until the trial.

tients at that surgery. The oth-Health Centre, near Leeds, tised between 1976 to 1986.

Walmsley remained emotionless as the jury returned the verdicts. His wife, Yvonne, who worked as receptionist at the Kent surgery, and their two adopted daughters were in

one of the victims was a 19-yearold who had been "branded" on the thigh with a home-made tattoo by her boyfriend. Walmsley comforted her removed the tattoo, then assaulted her

Another victim was given "relaxation massage", which gradually became more sexually explicit. Another complained to police over a smear test but was told it was "a med-

Detectives believe there may be more victims who have

### THE RIGHTS OF EVERY MAN

'The Independent' is publishing daily each of the 30 Articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, illustrated by Ralph Steadman, to mark its 50th an-



Article 11

(1) Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence.

(2) No one shall be held guilty of any penal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offence, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offence was committed.

A pamphlet edition of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is published by Waterstone's, price £1. Proceeds to the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture.

### No more fishing-to-kill in effort to save salmon

ALL SALMON caught by an- By Michael McCarthy glers in England and Wales in the first half of the year will have to be put back into their rivers alive, the Environment

Agency announced yesterday. it also announced restrictions on tackle that fishermen can use and said salmon net fisheries would be closed until prompted by plunging num-bers in some of Britain's most celebrated salmon rivers.

An assessment in March showed catches in England is banned as a bait before and Wales in 1997 were among the worst on record, with the overall level of spawning well to be strictly controlled, with no healthy sustainable fisheries. In the River Wye in Wales,

decades has had an annual catch of about 3,500 fish, peaking at 7,000 in 1988, only 650 were caught last year.

uncertain: possibilities include are under threat everywhere over-fishing in rivers and at and that there is a need to take sea, and climate change al- action to arrest further detering the make-up of the cline," said the agency's head tory restrictions.

**Environment Correspondent** 

oceanic feeding grounds of the

Yesterday the agency an-In a drastic attempt to pro-tect rapidly dwindling stocks, ing salmon fishing. They are aimed in particular at protecting "springers", larger fish that have spent several years at sea and which return to their the year.

From next year all salmon June must be released. Worm allowed. Hook type and size is with a maximum gape of 8mm although, to give the tackle for example, which in recent trade time to adjust, this restriction will be delayed until 2000. Net fishing for salmon is to be banned before 1 June.

"There is a clear consensus The cause of the decline is that stocks of early-run salmon

of fisheries, David Clarke. Earlier in the year the situation was thought to be so serious that the agency considered banning salmon fishing completely but it was a prospect seriously alarming to the considerable hotel and tourist industry that depends on

salmon fishing Anne Voss Bark, owner of one of England's best-known June. The move has been native rivers to spawn early in fishing hotels, the Arundell Arms, at Lifton, Devon, said: "It would have put a lot of peoin all rivers caught up to 16 ple out of business and out of work, not just the bailiffs, but the hotels and the bed-andthen, with only fly or spinner breakfasts and those who depend on the spending. This is less disastrous but it is still below that needed to maintain more than one barbless book pretty draconian and it will certainly affect business."

In Scotland the great salmon rivers such as the Tweed and Dee, which have also suffered a serious decline, are managed by district salmon fishery boards. Some have voluntary catch-andrelease agreements but the Scottish Office does not have the power to bring in manda-



Such scenes may well become rarer with the imposition of restrictions designed to protect rapidly dwindling salmon stocks Glyn Kirk

# Warning by RUC on arms trade-off

SUBTLE PRESSURE is increasing towards a deal in which arms decommissioning would be put forward as a trade-off for the disbandment of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. police officers were warned vesterdav.

Les Rogers, chairman of the Police Federation in Northern Ireland, declared that dismantling the force could "create a blank canvas for new terrorism and disorder to paint murder and mayhem unhindered" in an apocalyptic warning about the intentions of paramilitary groups, the prospects for peace, and the future of the force

Speaking in Plymouth, Mr Rogers echoed Unionist de- Les Rogers: Fears "blank mands for paramilitary arms canvas for new terrorism' decommissioning.

His views are seen as a reflection of the widespread unease among police officers, who see an uncertain future in a to the RUC's name, badge or time of great change in North- uniform, declaring: "Attacks on ern Ireland.

A commission, due to report next year on the future of policing, is widely expected to recin RUC numbers.

Mr Rogers, whose federation represents the RUC rank and file, said the IRA ceasefire was holding so far, and that there had been no verifiable IRA pable of policing in a fair or imbombings or shootings of security-force members.

He added: "Yet Northern Ireland is not a peaceful society. To date this year there have been nearly 55 terroristrelated murders and since 1994 over 1,000 brutal assaults on civilians by paramilitaries.

"There is not so much an unseen war going on but an unacknowledged one, characterised by a level of violence which rose-coloured glasses are determined to define as peace only because of the contrast with what has gone on before." Mr Rogers warned that republican and loyalist splinter

BY DAVID MCKITTRICK Ireland Correspondent



groups still posed continuing threats.

He also opposed any change the name, in particular, are really attacks on the very existence of the RUC."

The senior Sinn Fein memommend a significant reduction ber, Gerry Kelly, immediately criticised Mr Rogers' speech, saying: "Mr Rogers is engaged in an attempt to maintain a stranglehold on policing here.

"The RUC is clearly incapartial manner. It must be disbanded and replaced with an unarmed, accountable and community-based policing ser-

Mr Rogers' remarks on arms decommissioning, a process which he viewed as essential, will be viewed as valuable support by Unionist politicians, who insist that Sinn Fein cannot be admitted to government unless the IRA begins to disarm.

Few if any politicians, however, share his view that the scene is being set for an arms handover in exchange for RUC disbandment,

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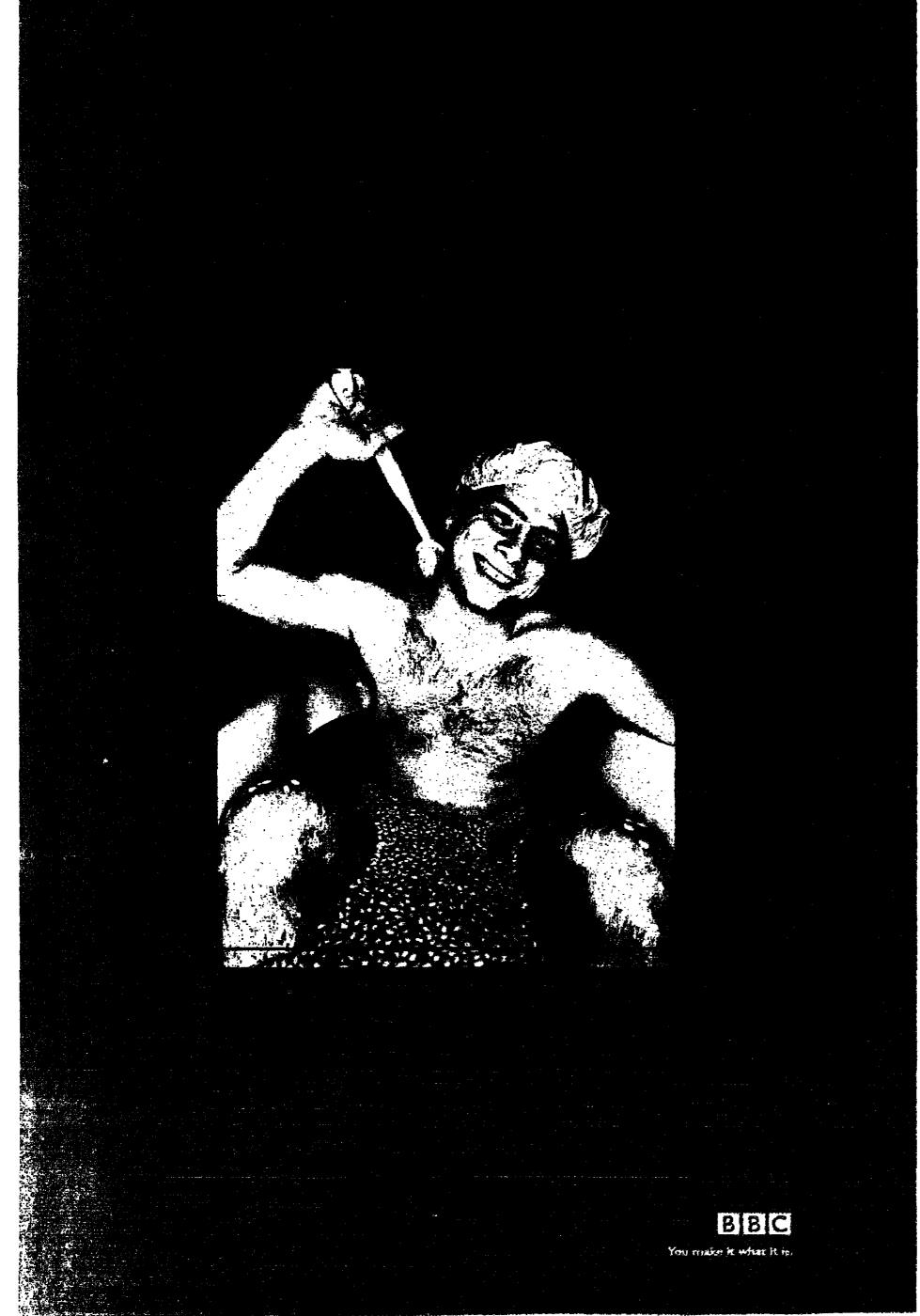
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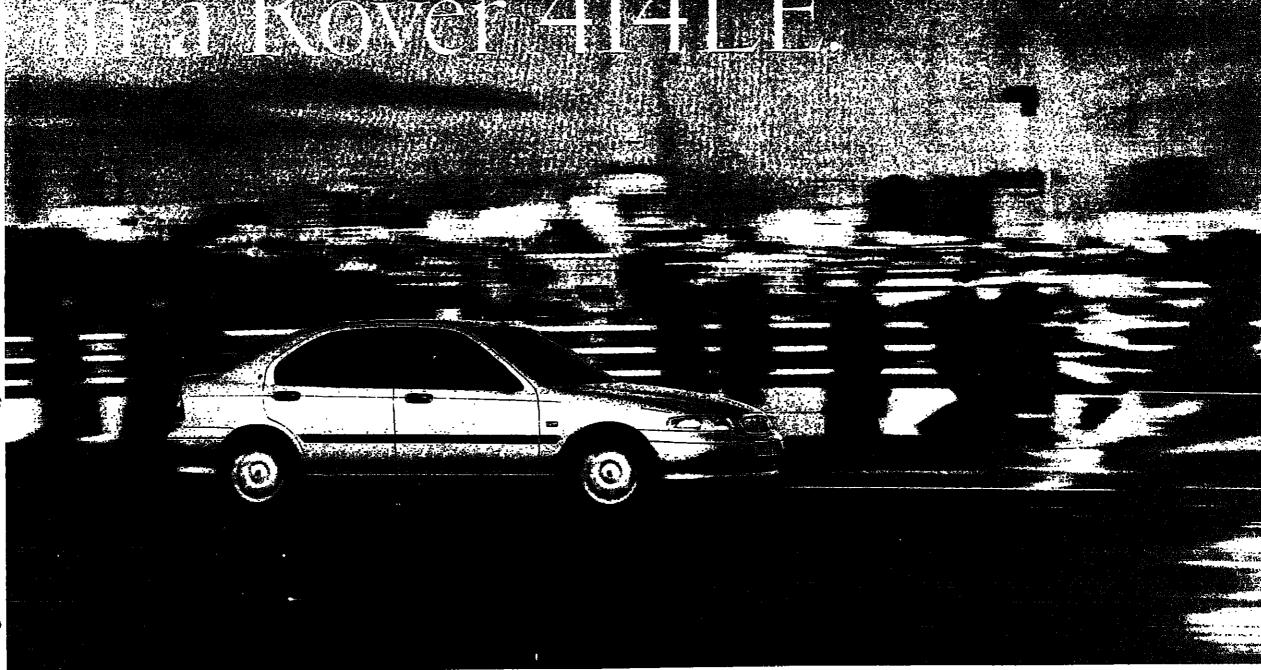
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# Lottery bonanza over for advisers

CONSULTANTS WHO make hu- By Paul Waugh crative sums from organising National Lottery applications are likely to be sidelined as the Government tries to ensure cash goes to the most deserv-

Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, will unveil an initiative today that will enable charities and arts groups to make lottery bids without requiring help from commercial consultants. The move follows revelations in The Independent earlier this have made big profits from to hard-pressed arts organisa-

It also comes after the announcement yesterday that the private lottery operator, Camelot, has seen its profits slump by more than 10 per cent because of poor sales of its

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Political Correspondent

it was still on target to raise £10bn for good causes by 2001, but ministers said privately that the results added weight to the need to review the firm's

Mr Smith will unveil his tougher stance on consultants when he launches the Government's inaugural Awards for All scheme in Nottingham.

The pilot project, which is exyear that scores of consultants pected to be extended nationwide next year, will simplify funds that should have gone application forms. The measures should help smaller community organisations to gain grants by relaxing the requirement for large levels of partnership funding.

Consultants charge up to £700 a day for advice to concert halls, artists and theatres. More

than 250 arts companies have aimed at getting more money spent a total of £27m on feasiinto the hands of the small allity studies for lottery projects.

The Independent highlighted the case of the South Bank Centre in London, which spent f2m on consultant fees before its planned project was ditched.

Mr Smith said last night that his initiative was a key part of the reform of the lottery and would be backed by plans to discover why there was such a low take-up of funds in depressed, former coalfield areas.

"The National Lottery must offer something for everyone, wherever they live, whoever they are," he said. "Access to lottery funding should depend upon whether a project will help and benefit the community and not whether someone as hired the best consultants to fill out their application form.

"This is a new scheme involving different distributors, groups, which are often the lifeblood of communities."

It will form a central part of a series of new policy directions for all lottery distributors. Mr Smith has ordered the distributors to shift the focus from building projects to people.

Camelot revealed 14.5 per cent fewer instant scratchcards were sold in the 24 weeks to 12 September than in the same period last year. Its total sales dropped to \$2.42bn from £2.46bn.

Its pre-tax profit fell too, as over the six months it made £34m compared with £38.5m in the same period last year. The amount raised for good causes directly from sales rose by about \$200,000 to £696.3m. The company's chairman, Sir George Russell, denied the slump in sales would endanger funding to good causes.



Pilot Kerry Lomas, forensic scientist Farzanna Patel, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry Peter Mandelson and technician Belinda Drew at the launch at Camden Girls' School in London vesterday of the Gevernment's campaign to attract women into science-related professions

### Performance-related pay inevitable' for teachers

EVERY TEACHER will be able to aspire to a merit pay award under far-reaching plans for the future of the profession being prepared by the Government.

A Green Paper to be published next month will propose performance-related pay for teachers in return for an extra £19bn for education over the next three years. Good teachers are expected to be offered more money after being appraised by their head teachers.

David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education. promised yesterday that the Government would reward "a very substantial number" of the 440,000-strong profession for good teaching. He told a Fabian Society conference in London that the number who benefited would far exceed the 5,000 "superteachers" already announced who can earn up to

**Education Editor** 

how he would choose which one of 10 excellent teachers should qualify, Mr Blunkett said: "We are not talking about one in 10. We are talking about a very substantial proportion of the pro-fession being able to access high rewards."

Some teachers would not, for family reasons, be interested in the new awards and the Government would respect their

Mr Blunkett called on teachers to stop resisting change and to accept that excellence must be rewarded as it was in other professions. "We know we can't afford, even if we wanted to, simply to hike everyone's salary at one go," he said.

He vigorously defended performance-related pay. "People say it's difficult to make judge-

sense. Everyone who has been said that Mr Blunkett might find through school knows perfectly well who is a good teacher." he said. And he warned the teacher unions that industrial action over the Green Paper

"I haven't come across any trade union worth its salt that has gone on strike against more pay

plans would be "silly".

Doug McAvoy, the general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, suggested that industrial action by his members could not be ruled out. "There is a serious issue with performance-related pay. It sows seeds of division in the staffroom. We will continue to survey our members. We cannot tell what their response to the Green Paper will be. But we know that they say no to per-

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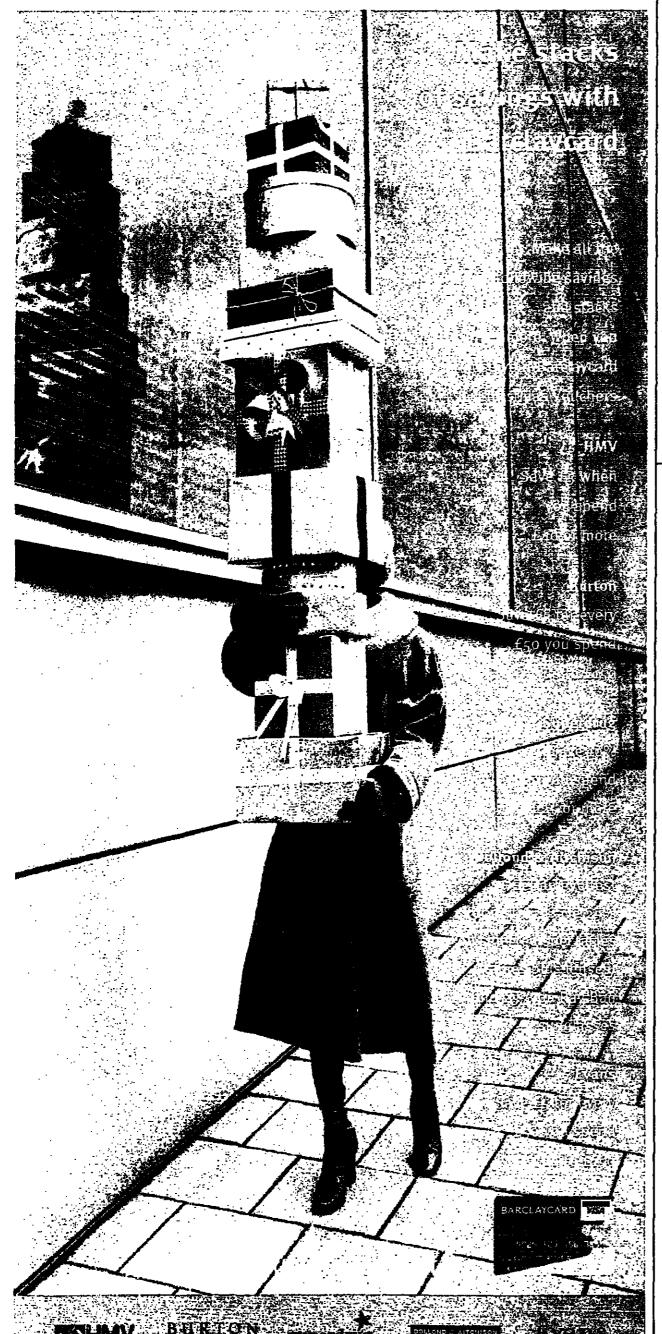
good teachers. That's non- of Teachers and Lecturers, that teachers were much more imaginative about the proposals than he thought.

Standards in English have increased sharply in schools piloting the Government's new national literacy campaign.

Children at 20 schools in Bristol that have been running the prototype national literacy hour for two years have recorded an 8 per cent increase in national English reading tests for seven-year-olds.

The results showed an improvement four times greater than the 2 per cent increase achieved by schools that introduced the scheme only in September.

Now local authority leaders are hoping to see an increase in English scores for 11-yearolds when the national primary school league tables are



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# Russian spies 'running protection rackets'

RUSSIA'S SECRET service, suc- BY PHIL REEVES cessor to the KGB, is being used to carry out assassinations, seize hostages and extort money from big business, agents have claimed.

In an extraordinary public appearance, Federal Security Bureau (FSB) officers said the agency was being used "to settie accounts with undesirable cers." The statement was persons, to carry out private po-litical and criminal orders for a signed by two colonels, two majors and a senior lieutenant. Security officers publicly atfee, and sometimes simply as an instrument to earn money". tacking their bosses is unheard-

ciad in a black balaciava, unveiled their allegations at a press conference in Moscow, Moscow between President dunging the agency into one of Boris Yeltsin and the German Chancellor, Gerhard Schröder. its more serious, and mysterious, post-Soviet scandals. regularly linked organised crime and the FSB, which has

Our aim is to draw public attention to the deviations in the work of the Federal Security Bureau that are exceedingly

agents have taken paid jobs in the shady world of Russian

which have become features of business and banking. its activities," they said in a Some media reports have statement. linked FSB elements with con-We do not want the shadow tract killings, bombings and hostage-taking. But this is the of the criminal actions of a number of officials to be cast on first time that officers, apparthe service and its honest offiently from the heart of the security system, have so openly

In recent years, reports have

suffered from low morale, poor

They acknowledged that they risked reprisals. "We were of in post-Soviet Russia, and told, 'we will first boot you out immediately dominated teleof the service and then stifle you like pups'," said Lt-Col Alexanvision news headlines, casting a shadow over the meeting in

The most dramatic revelation has been the men's claim that a senior FSB officer ordered the colonel to kill Boris Berezovsky, one of Russia's top business and media magnates. who played a leading role in releasing two British hostages in

spelt out allegations of top level

KGB. Thousands of ex-KGB Mr Berezovsky's former body-nessman, Umar Dzhehrailov, guard, claimed he did not carry out the order, which he received last December, because he regarded it as illegal.

The colonel said as a result he was assaulted, received death threats and was threatened with prosecution. In May, media reports accused him and his colleagues of being involved in murders, assaults,

torture and extortion. Lt-Col Litvinenko claimed one FSB officer also accused him of "preventing patriots from the motherland from killing a Jew who robbed half his country". Mr Berezovsky has Jewish roots, an issue that has acquired significance because of the resurgence of anti-

Semitism in Russia. Another officer, Major Andrei Ponkin, yesterday claimed that in late 1977 the FSB leadership planned to kidnap the brother

Surprisingly ordinary prices

Hussein, then take him to a country house. "In case of resistance ... we were ordered to kill the policemen who guarded him and then kill him, as one of the options," he said. The

order was never carried out. The agents argue that these were not isolated incidents. "The order to assassinate ... Berezovsky, unfortunately, is not an exceptional event in the present life of the FSB," said

their statement. The director of the Federal Security Bureau, Vladimir Putin, has confirmed that Russia's chief military prosecutor's office is investigating the Berezovsky case. But he has also threatened to sue accusers if their claims prove groundless.

The officers have stressed the director is not their target and the agency's problems began under his predecessor,

# New world's New Labor to

THEY WANT a 32-hour week, a BY ANDREW MARSHALL: national health service and the right to work to be made a legal requirement. Welcome to New

The significancethere is the missing letter "u". The Labor es have two parties. Now we Party in question is a new have one of our own". arrival on the American political scene, one that takes creation of the 1990s.

meeting for the past two days candidates in elections for the first time. So far the party, the creation of a 72-year-old union official, Anthony Mazzocchi, has concentrated on sparking debate rather than winning power. "This is another examgoing to be an alternative party.

us or from the right." The party draws heavily on Mazzocchi himself is an assistant to the president of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workaligned with the Democrats, Democrats in 1944.

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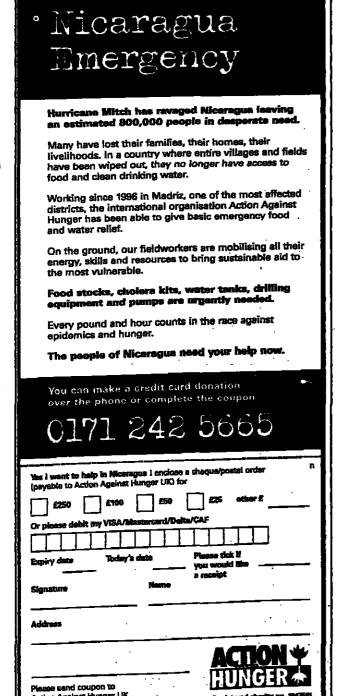
and are not happy about Mr Mazzocchi. But as the T-shirts in Pittsburgh read: "The boss-

inspiration from Britain's mocrats that the party under Labour Party but which looks Bill Clinton has shifted away more to the union-based party from the needs of working men of the 1970s than the glossy and women. For the past few years it has collected signatures The Labor Party has been for a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to work in blue-collar Pittsburgh, and for a living wage. It backs a Cahas decided it will start fielding nadian-style health service. and it wants to limit the working week to 32 hours. It also wants to give every American four weeks' holiday a year.

America has an even more beavily entrenched two-party system than Britain. But indendents have done well in rethe two political parties," Mr cent years, with Ross Perot Mazzocchi told the 1,200 dele- running for President, an indegates. "We're convinced there's pendent member of Congress (Bernie Sanders from Vermont), It's either going to come from and two independent governors, in Maine and Minnesota.

The US has a fine history of support from the unions. Mr socialist politics that has been all but erased in the past two decades. Minnesota was once the home of the Farmer-Labor ers' Union. Most unions are Party It was absorbed into the









Iraq faced its first tough taste of co-operation yesterday as Unscom inspectors returned to Baghdad

# UN weapons inspectors back in Iraq

THE UNITED Nations mission By RICHARD DOWNES to search for and destroy Iraq's in Baghdad weapons of mass destruction returned to the Iraqi capital with the threat of force hanging over the Baghdad government should it fail to co-operate with the UN agency.

Richard Butler, the chairman of Unscom, said he was looking forward to returning to normal operations after nonths of controversy.

Forty-eight staff including inpectors and administrators efused to comment on their inection schedule. "We've got a lot of work to do. We've got priorities to sort out," said Caroline Cross. Unscom snokes-Amr NabiUAFP woman. "The work that's going

to go on between us and the expected to conduct intensive Iraqi government is confiden- discussion with the UN Secretial. It is the business of the United Nations and Iraq. If we Shah was a key figure in prehave any problems in our activities, it's our business to re- against Iraq over the weekend. port this to Unscom headquarters and on to the security council and not to the international media."

months that its work has been undermined by Iraqi obstruction. In August, the Iraqi authorities stopped co-operation with inspectors who conducted spot checks on suspected sites at short notice.

At the end of October they ended all co-operation with Unscom, complaining that the ler Mr Shah is likely to impress agency was full of spies work- on him the desirability of treadng for the CIA and the Israeli ing carefully in the first few

Mr Butler, Unscom's chairnan, expressed the hope that situation. operation from the Iraqi authorities. "Full access to it as soon as possible," he said. their mission very carefully.

The United States and

the weapons inspectors. The UN envoy in Baghdad, Prakash Shah, has left New York and is tary General, Kofi Annan. Mr venting a huge military strike

Describing the settlement as a "victory for diplomacy" he warned that it was far from carved in stone. "These are oc-Unscom has complained for casions which we would like to repeat but we cannot be sure that these are things which can happen again and again. I cannot guarantee or tell you any thing authentically whether this agreement will survive or not," he said.

At the top of his list of meet ings will be one with Mr Butntelligence service, Mossad. days of operation to avoid unbalancing a very delicate

Mr Butler has been criticised by many in the United Nations for his brash manner anywhere we want to go. and willingness to speak pub-Everyone is saying that's what licky about difficulties he is exwe should have. We want to test periencing with the Iraqi

from any party at this sensitive moment could reactivate the diate military action without military option and bring an reference to the UN if there is unannounced hailstorm of any obstruction of the work of Tomahawk Cruise missiles.

### Lewinsky has it taped

IF MELODRAMA is your addic- BY ANDREW MARSHALL tion, then run to get hold of the in Washington Lewinsky-Tripp tapes. The young White House intern often from Ms Tripp. "(Exple "friend" Linda Tripp, seeking cade he rode in on." she says advice on her disintegrating re- of the President. lationship with a boyfriend – the

Yesterday they were rehad been bringing military analysis of Iraq for the past week, switched to discussions of dry-cleaning and adultery. All this is already available as a transcript, so the content does not matter. In any case, Bill Clinton has emerged the political victor, and Congress will struggle with impeachment

hearings beginning tomorrow.
White House reaction was described as "somewhere between none and indifference". All that is left is the human drama, for want of a better word. The near-impeachment of Richard Nixon relied heavily on secret White House tapes that formed the centrepiece of the Watergate hearings

The only thing the Lewinsky-Tripp tapes have in common with them is deletion of exple-

oured out her heart to her tive) him and the little motor-

President of the United States. as naïve, foolish, over-trusting and somewhat self-absorbed, wheedles and often fails to sympathise. She is sarcastic and sometimes just plain mean.

But the temptation to judge must be tempered by knowing where each is now. Ms Tripp recorded the conversations in secret and is the subject of a grand jury investigation in Maryland. Ms Lewinsky, by contrast, has just signed a contract that will make her a dollar millionaire

Ms Tripp's taping habit has its origins in the suggestion of a friend, the literary agent Lucianne Goldberg, that she get firm evidence before writing a book. The result was a set of 37 tapes that will doubtless be the ideal Christmas present for younger relatives, supplemented in February by Monico's tives from both sides but most Story, by Andrew Morton.



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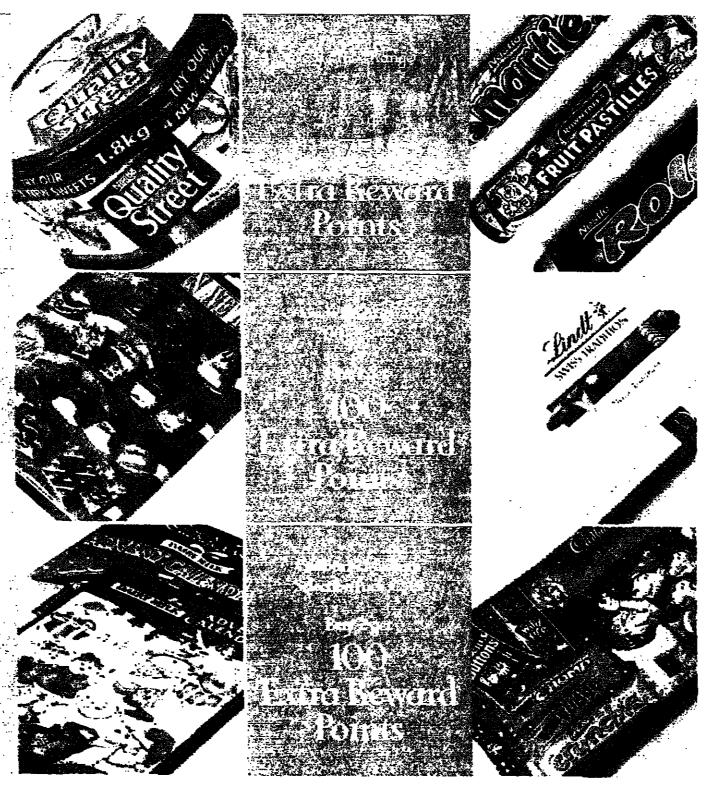
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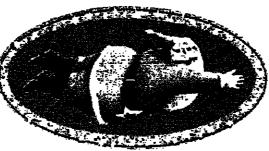
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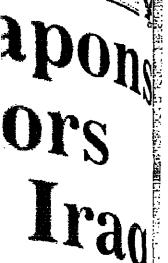
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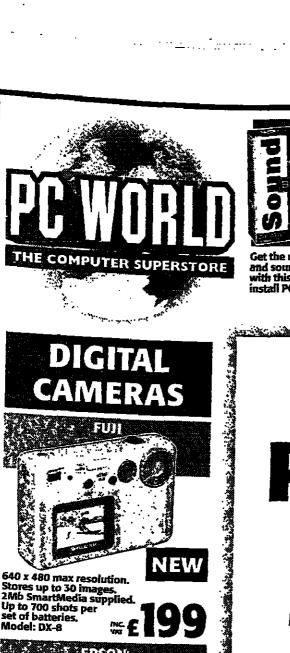


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# Malaysia fury at Al Gore's 'interference'

A SUMMIT of Asian, American BY RICHARD LLOYD PARRY and Pacific leaders degenerated into bickering yesterday as the American Vice-President, Al Gore, was accused by the Malaysian government of encouraging political enemies bent on overthrowing it.

In a furious response to a speech delivered by Mr Gore on Monday night, the Malaysian Foreign Minister, Abdullah Badawi, accused him of "gross interference in the internal affairs of the country ... Malaysia finds the incitement by the US government to lawlessness by certain elements within the country to use undemocratic means in order to overthrow a constitutionally elected government, most abhorrent."

Mr Gore defended his remarks, in which he praised the "brave people of Malaysia" and spoke approvingly of the political reform movement, which has gathered momentum since the sacking and arrest in September of the former deputy prime minister, Anwar Ihrahim.

"My point is very simple: these economies have some very difficult choices to make for reform to move forward. Democracy and freedom are the essential prerequisites for making those kinds of decisions and getting that kind of support," he said before a meeting with the Russian Prime Minister, Yevgeny Primakov.

"That is the American message and I am proud to deliver it here and anywhere I go."

Even before Mr Gore's speech, the annual summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum (Apec) was foundering, but in the diplomatic row between Malaysia and the US the worst fears of its participants have crystallised. the way they run their lives,

The meeting's principal goal - the promotion of free trade between its 21 members - has already become bogged down in a disagreement over trade liberalisation between Western countries and Japan. Now the task of finding ways of overcoming the Asian economic

crisis is also complicated. Yes-

Gore: Praised the brave people of Malaysia'

terday's meetings were dominated by reaction to the American position, as Apec members aligned themselves with or against Mr Gore.

"It was a beautiful speech," said the Filipino president. Joseph Estrada, one of the first heads of state to speak out on behalf of Mr Anwar, who is standing trial for sodomy and corruption, charges that are widely suspected of being politically motivated.

Other leaders, including those of Singapore and New Zealand, criticised Mr Gore for disrupting the summit."You don't necessarily achieve desirable outcomes by constantly hectoring other nations in order to change

said the Australian Prime Minister, John Howard

Two hundred supporters of Mr Anwar demanded the resignation of the Malaysian Prime Minister, Mahathir Mohamad, yesterday and burnt images of him in demonstrations

In the past few days, police have used tear gas and water cannon and even fired warning shots to break up similar demonstrations. Mr Abdullah said yesterday that Malaysia "would hold the US accountable for any rupture of ... harmony arising from this irresponsib

Even before Mr Gore's speech the Malaysians were intignant about several meetings between Apec participants and Mr Anwar's wife, Wan Azizah Ismail, who has taken over leadership of the reform movement since her husband's arrest. The American Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, offered Mrs Azizah support, as did ministers from Canada and New Zealand.

The American announcement yesterday of a \$10bn (£6.1bn) support package for the stricken economies of Southeast Asia was eclipsed by the furore. During a team photograph, Mr Gore stood at the opposite end of the line from the Malaysian Prime Minister, and the two avoided one another during a staged walkabout in the grounds of the hotel where the leaders are meeting.

US officials said Mr Gore was giving the same speech that was to have been delivered by President Bill Clinton, until he cancelled his attendance to deal with the crisis over Iraq. Leading article,

disavowed violence. Earlier in the week the Is-Review, page 3 raeli leader froze implementa-

ingly last night in favour of the

land-for-security agreement

reached with the Palestinians.

Benjamin Netanyahu, the Is-

raeli Prime Minister, has re-

peatedly held up ratification of

the Israeli-Palestinian deal,

brokered by President Bill Clin-

ton at Wye, Maryland, claiming

that the Palestinians were in

come yesterday when Mr Ne-

tanyahu said he had accepted

assurances from Yasser Arafat,

the Palestinian leader, that he

The latest obstacle was over-

breach of its terms.

THE ISRAELI parliament was BY PATRICK COCKBURN expected to vote overwhelmin Jerusalem

> tion of the Wye Agreement on the ground that Mr Arafat had threatened to resume the intifada uprising.

The government is sure of a majority in the Israeli parliament, the Knesset, because opponents of the agreement in its own ranks are outnumbered by the Labour party, Israeli-Arabs and members of the leftwing Meretz party, all of whom approve of a withdrawal on the West Bank.

The territory from which Israel will remove its troops over the next 12 weeks is only about 208 square miles. Under the

rael will hand over 7.1 per cent sert the Palestinian right to of the West Bank to total Palestinian control and 2 per cent to joint control.

Last night members of the Knesset were for the first time to see maps showing the areas from which Israel is to with-

Press reports suggest that these will be in the north of the West Bank between the Palestinian towns of Jenin and Nablus as well as south of Hebron. The Palestinians already control eight small enclaves on the West Bank as well as

most of Gaza. The speed with which Mr Arafat retracted his remark

pray in Jerusalem shows his impatience to implement the agreement, signed on 23 October. Israel is also to release 250 Palestinian prisoners during

its first phase. The Palestinians are eager for the opening of a land route between the West Bank and Gaza, where about a million Palestinians live under condi-

tions of near-siege. Abdel Razik Yehiyeh, the head of the Palestinian delegation discussing the topic, said he expected all issues to be settled next week and the "safe passage" to be opened within a

first phase of the withdrawal Is- that "our rifles are ready" to as- Palestinians are under pressure from the United States to implement the Wye Agreement as signed in Washington.

Strengthened by success in the mid-term elections and over Iraq, President Clinton is in a strong position to force both sides to comply with the terms of the deal. However, israeli settiers are at the same time moving to establish new settlements on the West Bank, as they were recommended to do by Ariel Sharon, the Israeli

Foreign Minister. The Israeli organisation Peace Now says that seven settlements have been established since the Wye accord was



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# Le Pen ban 'exposes rift in far right

THE NATIONAL Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen was banned from politics for one year by a French appeal court yesterday, halving his previous sentence but presenting him with a potentially explosive

If he accepts his punishment, Mr Le Pen will be prevented from leading the French farright in the European elections next year, opening the way for his arch-rival, Bruno Megret, to claim the job. This could unleash a vicious war within the NF, the most powerful far-right party in Western Europe.

If he lodges a further appeal, delaying his sentence, Mr Le Pen. 70, risks being banned from running in the next presidential election in 2002. The likelihood of missing out on his fifth run for the presidency would have been much greater if his original two-year ban had been maintained.

It seems likely Mr Le Pen will ing another appeal with the Communist political forces, Cour de Cassation, France's now running France".

By JOHN LICHFIELD io Paris

highest appeal court, thus postponing his punishment

The regional appeal court in Versailles decided yesterday that rectly for Ms Peulvast-Bergeal. the National Front president was guilty of assaulting a Socialist candidate during the general election campaign in May last year. Mr Le Pen was captured on television footage screaming in

the face, and grabbing the clothes, of Annette Peulvast-Bergeal, in Mantes-la-Jolie west of Paris, where she was running gainst the NF leader's daughter, Marie-Caroline. Mr Le Pen, who has five days to appeal, dismissed the court's decision yesterday as "slimy".

His previous three-month suspended prison sentence was maintained but his fine was cut from 20,000 francs (£2,200) to F5,000. He described his attack on the Socialist candidate as "a derisory incident" and claimed seize the opportunity to check he had been the victim of the rise of Mr Megret by lodg- an "ambush" by the "Socialo-

In fact, he was seen by scores of witnesses - including your correspondent - deliberately jumping out of his limousine into a crowd of anti-NF demonstrators and making di-

NF supporters all over France were being called to a series of sound-linked rallies last night in which Mr Le Pen intended to denounce the court's decision. The supporters were being instructed to go on to the streets and plaster France with 40,000 posters reading: "Avec Le Pen, contre l'injustice" (With Le Pen, against injustice). The rallies were partly an at-

Mr Megret. If banned from leading the NF list in the Eu-

decision and expects to take the

tempt by Mr Le Pen to bolster

internal NF support against

ropean elections, Mr Le Pen has said that he expects the top spot to go to his wife, Jany. Mr Megret, a pragmatist who has built his own power base within the party, has said that he will challenge that



Jean-Marie Le Pen (right) at the European Parliament yesterday, when he learnt of his political ban Reuters

### Protests force Paris to scrap riverside menagerie

THE RABBITS huddle in their By JOHN LICHFIELD cages. The hens squawk and preen. The ducks, close to the river but unable to swim, simply look bored. The birds and animals of the open-air market are one of best-known sights of Paris, loved by generations of the city's children.

complaints by animal rights groups and tourists, the Paris police have decided that the cages must be moved indoors - or

the next two weeks.

"This is unfair. Grotesque," said one shopkeeper, as he swept the floor beneath his along the Quai de la Mégisserie cages yesterday. "These animals are loved. They are spoilt. They have a wonderful life with us. How do you think animals But not for much longer. After are treated on farms? These know nothing of the real world."

The market beside the Seine, near Châtelet, close to Notre taken away altogether - within Dame cathedral, has existed for

heart of the capital. Hens, ducks, pheasants, turkeys, pigeons, goats, rabbits, dogs and cats wait in jumbled rows of cages, as if at a country market.

On weekends the pavements teem with people, most of them just looking. It's a kind of informal menagerie, a place for people, the tourists especially, grandparents to bring their urban grandchildren and show them the hens and ducks.

To critics, the outdoor cages

a breath of rural France in the along that section of the quays - are a disgrace and a blot on the face of the capital. Animal protection groups say the creatures on sale are squashed into their cages and exposed to rain, wind or excessive heat. They say vendors don't check summary nature of their care". the ability of their clients to look

after the animals they buy. The Paris Prefecture of Police has decided the critics are right. After a study by its own veterinary services, the premostly belonging to six or fecture has given the shops

until 1 December to remove all the cages from the pavement. Open-air sales, the prefecture said, "do not allow the animals to be sheltered from extremes of climate and do not guarantee their comfort, given the smallness of the cages and the

The ruling points out that the creatures are exposed to pollution from the heavy traffic passing along the quays. They are also vulnerable to catching diseases from the flocks of feral pigeons that the cages attract.

The shops owning the outdoor cages are mostly quite small. There is no room to move the cages inside, the shopkeepers say. The ban will probably force them to give up selling some kinds of creatures altogether. This may force them to lay off staff, even to close.

"They say my hens are being polluted by cars. What about us humans? Are we not being polluted by the cars?" said another doing of a few tourists. Americans, Swedes, Germans mostly.

it's just because they have nothing like this in their own country. If you take them away from their hamburgers, they know nothing." Are these creatures, then, to

eat? Not the dogs presumably, but the hens, the ducks, the rabbits? No, he insisted, people buy them to keep. But where do you keep hens or ducks or turkeys in Paris? "Ah, monsieur, I sell shop manager. "This is all the people these creatures. I don't question them closely on what they are going to do with them."

### IN BRIEF

#### Oil workers reieased

EIGHT OIL workers abducted last week in southern Nigeria were released unharmed yesterday. The Texaco workers - three Americans, a Briton, an Italian, a Croatian, a South African and a Nigerian - were taken hostage by armed youths from the ethnic liaw community, who demanded a ransom.

#### **Huge military** drill in India

INDIA STAGED one of its biggest military exercises in a decade along its western coast yesterday, involving 10,000 officers and soldiers from the army, air force and navy. Admiral Vishnu Bhagwat, the navy chief, said the exercises had taken months of planning.

#### Bonn: 'Share' refugees

GERMANY'S INTERIOR Minister, Otto Schily, yesterday defended his remarks that Germany was overburdened with immigrants and renewed calls for other EU members to take a greater share of refugees. Germany would continue to accept genuine asylumseekers, he said.

#### **Shoot twice** for help

TELEPHONES ARE hard to come by in remote Albania, so a villager used what was handy to summon help when he saw a traffic accident he fired his anti-aircraft machine gun. Police appreciated the gesture enough not to arrest the man for possessing the heavy weapon, but still confiscated the gun, Tirana newspapers reported yesterday.

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### Clinton calls for •embryo inquiry

BY STEVE CONNOR Science Editor

BILL CLINTON has asked his most senior advisers on scientific ethics to investigate the claims of an American biotechnology company that it has created a hybrid embryo from human skin cells and a cow's

In a letter to the US National Bioethics Advisory Commission, President Clinton said that he is "deeply troubled" by reports that Advanced Cell Technology of Worcester, Massachusetts, created the partcow, part-human hybrid in an experiment three years ago.

The commission is meeting this week in Miami to discuss the ethical implications of the claims made by the company, which said it had created a 32cell embryo by fusing the nu-cleus of a human skin cell with a cow's egg that had had its own nucleus removed.

Tom Murray, the director for biomedical ethics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and a member of the commission, said there was some scepticism about the "chimeric embryo" from other scientists who have criticised the company for not publishing the research in a journal. "I'm surprised that anyone would have tried it. Scientists are highly sceptical because the basic ground work was not done." he said.

While President Clinton expressed concern about the mingling of human and nonhuman species", his letter is more positive about the potential benefits of combining embryo and cloning technology to create human embryonic stem cells, which can be used to grow into a wide range of tissues for transplant operations.

Scientists made an important breakthrough this month in being able to isolate embryonic stem cells from human

They believe it might be possible to create stem cells of a patient by cloning and use them to treat illnesses, from Parkinson's disease to cancer.



# Activists back challenge

## to Texas anti-gay laws

TWO MEN are due to be ar- BY ANDREW GUMBEL raigned for sodomy in Houston, Texas on Friday, in a case that has provoked outrage among gay groups across the country. The fact that homosexual acts between consenting adults in private are still outlawed in Texas is one cause of the furore. But what has triggered it at this particular time are the circumstances of the arrest.

On 17 September - in an incident that has only just come to wider notice - Houston police burst into a suburban private apartment. They expected to find an intruder "going crazy" with a gun, as the neigh-bour who called them out had described. Instead, they found two men allegedly having sex in their own bedroom.

The informant, who ap-

peared to have a grudge against gays, was charged with filing a false report and sen-

tenced to 15 days in jail. But John Geddes Lawrence, 55, and Tyrone Garner, 31, were arrested too, under Texas's 119year-old sodomy law, and held in custody for several hours before being released on bail. Gay groups across the coun-

Texas, one of 22 US states with

try are rallying around the two accused. "It is just unbelievable that in 1998 this sort of arrest could happen," said a lawyer for the two men. Mitchell Katine. "It is a terrible experience for any of us to be arrested for what we do in the privacy of our own home with a consenting adult." Even by the standards of

anti-sodomy laws on its statute books and one of only six with legislation specifically directed against homosexuals, this has been an unusual case. There have been only a handful of

But popular and political support for the anti-sodomy laws in such a conservative southern state remain strong. The state legislature agreed five years ago that Texas's antisodomy laws violated privacy norms, but scrapped them only for heterosexual couples.

When they appear before the Justice of the Peace, Mr Lawrence and Mr Garner will have the option to pay a \$500 (£310) fine and close the case. well as the local prosecutor's of the law in public, won a dis-

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fice, hope they will contest the crimination lawsuit in 1994 but charges so that their case can be used to throw the statute off the books.

landmark test of the right to priprosecutions in the past 30 vacy in American law," the International Gay and Lesbian **Human Rights Commission** said. Gay groups are calling for financial support, should the case turn into a protracted battle.

to challenge the Texas antisodomy law have failed for lack of a criminal case to take to the superior courts. Mica England, a lesbian who was turned down for a job with the Dallas police department on the ground that . a woman committing crimes in But several advocacy groups, as her private life could not enforce the late Lewis Powell, later

failed to persuade the state Supreme Court that the anti-gay law was unconstitutional.

Tve always said the best way to get rid of a bad law is to enforce it," District Attorney John Holmes said, explaining why he was going ahead with the case against Mr Lawrence and Mr Garner. He wants to give the case the chance to climb far enough through the system for the law to be challenged.

In 1986, the US Supreme Court upheld Georgia's sodomy laws, arguing that the right to privacy did not extend to homosexual acts. But the ninemember court was split 5-4 and one of the justices who voted in favour of the anti-sodomy laws, said he had been wrong.

### Look what's talking now

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THE PHONE rings, but no rhinoplasty techniques teachbody human. "A call is coming through for you," says a computer voice. "Please don't

The voice sounds at once comical: evidently, the call has come through at such lightning velocity that even the person who dialled the number is a few seconds behind.

There is a pause. A long pause, "Please stay on the line," the computer voice resumes. "An agent will be with you shortly." An agent? This doesn't sound so promising. What started out as a seemingly inpocent incoming business call is threatening to turn into a clammy encounter with some salesperson trying

to flog household insurance. There is a further pause. Finally, the computer voice announces: "We are sorry, but all of our agents are unavailable." And the line goes dead. No explanations. No chance to find out who inflicted this infuriating tease. Not even an opportunity, as the law theoretically demands, to tell the organisation in question never to make such a call again, ever.

Such are the hazards of telecommunication in modern-day America, a place where computers are gradually taking over from human beings and the poor human being, increasingly, is being

given no right of reply. For several years now and not just in America - the phone user has been confronted with a dizzying range of mechanised responses, from home answering machines to voice mail to answering services. Anyone who calls the switchboard of a medium-to-large organisation can expect to be talked through an often bewildering range of options without ever encountering a live human voice. ("For a full schedule of post-cosmetic surgery therapy classes, press five; to find out more about our

body is there. Or rather, no- ing seminar, press eight: to hear a review of these and other options, press...").

In a country quaintly attached to the use of letters as well as numbers on the teleauthoritative and almost phone dialpad, the services of a receptionist are rapidly being discarded in favour of recorded messages such as: "If you know the name of the person you are calling, please dial the first three letters of

their name now.' If you don't have any particular name at hand, all you can do is howl with frustration or wait in the ever vainer hope that the computer will eventually shut up to be replaced, as the jargon has it, by a representative who will assist you shortly.

These experiences are alienating enough, but the new trend goes even further. Computers not only receive phone calls; they make them. "If you wish to try our

great range of household cleaning products, please stay on the line while..." Slam. "Good morning! Have you ever..." Click.

Even more insidious than the computers doing their pathetic best to sound like human beings, though, are the human beings on the line who sound disconcertingly like computers.

These are the telemarketers, the women (for they are almost always women paid some miserable piece rate to recite a carefully prepared list of questions - a task they undertake with about as much passion as Radio 4's shipping news, while talking five times as quickly. "Good morning sir I'd like to ask you a few questions about the car you recently acquired was it a lease or a purchase what was the make of the vehicle was it new or used how did you finance the vehicle?"

You could probably tell them you bought a space shuttle with a stolen credit card and they wouldn't flinch. ANDREW GUMBEL



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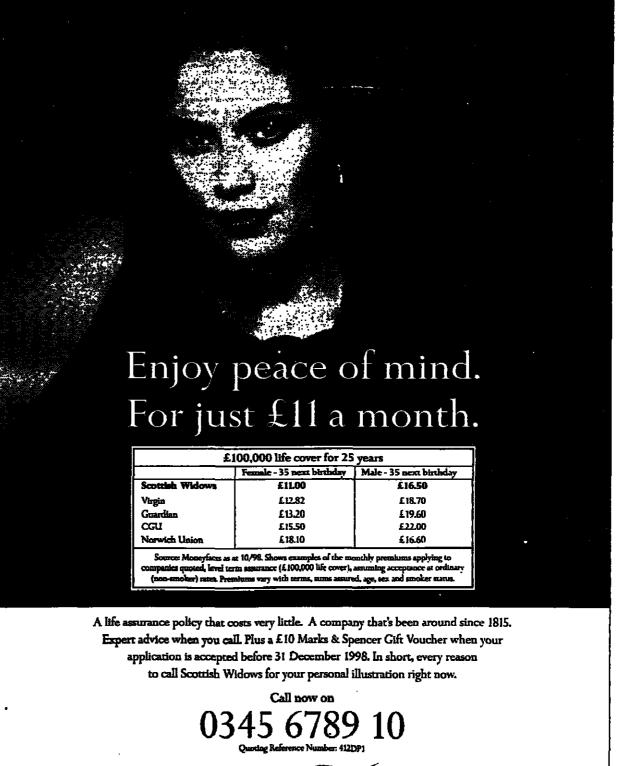
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## BUSINESS

### **BRIEFING**

#### Alstom to shed up to 400 UK jobs

ALSTOM, THE Anglo-French engineering, transport and energy giant, warned yesterday that it planned to axe 300-400 jobs in the UK over the next six months. The job cuts will fall mainly at its Metro-Cammell rail division in Birmingham, which has won a £1bn order for high-speed

tilting trains for the Virgin West Coast Mainline route. Pierre Bilger, Alstom's chairman, said it expected to shed a total of 12,500 jobs over the next 18 months, at a cost of £316m, to cope with the likely decrease in orders caused by the world economic downturn. Alstom's maiden results following flotation in June showed an 8 per cent rise in operating profits to £204m in the six months ended

#### FirstGroup forecasts slowdown



FIRSTGROUP THE rail, bus and airports operator. yesterday forecast that passenger growth on its hree rail franchises would halve to about 4 per cent over the next six months because of the economic downturn. Trevor Smallwood, its executive chairman, said it expected leisure and off-peak travel on its Great Western, North

Western and Great Eastern routes to slow. Bus travel may also be affected, but he said the introduction of an £85m fleet of new passenger-friendly low-floor buses had the potential to grow traffic levels by 5 to 10 per cent. First-half pre-tax profits rose 40 per cent to £45m on sales up by 83 per cent to £690m due to the acquisition of Great Western, which operates train services between Paddington and the West Country.

#### Hoechst plans demerger

HOECHST, THE German chemicals giant believed to be on the brink of a £26bn merger with Rhone-Poulenc of France. vesterday announced plans for an ICI-style demerger of its life sciences and industrial chemicals business. Hoechst shareholders will be issued one new share in Celanese AG, the chemicals company, for each 10 Hoechst shares they own. Peter Mackey, at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson. estimates the value of the demerged companies could reach DM68bn (£25bn) within two years, as against DM46bn now. The demerger news helped deaden the blow of an 87 per cent slump in third quarter net earnings to DM60m (£22m).

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# Worries about corporate profits prompt US rate cut

est rates again yesterday, because of continuing worries about the financial health of

America's corporations. The Federal Reserve announced a quarter-point cut in ment accompanying the cut. the Federal Funds rate, taking it to 4.75 per cent from 5.0 per cent, and a surprise quarter-4.75 per cent to 4.5 per cent. Fed Funds rate in two months, following the Fed's summer inflation and wage trends to worries about flagging growth and a liquidity crunch.

"Although conditions in fi-

in Washington

down materially since mid-October, unusual strains remain," the Fed said in a state-

There are still worries that the difficulties in lending markets which forced the hedge point in the discount rate, from fund Long Term Capital Man-This is the third reduction in the other financial sector companies. At the same time, despite continuing growth and a slight shift from concern about rising rise inflation, the Fed sees no risk of an inflationary spiral. "Financial conditions can

reasonably be expected to be through to stand about 30 consistent with fostering sus- points higher, at 9,041.

sures subdued," it added.

Though the market had been anticipating a cut in interest rates, cheers rang out from the floor of the New York Stock Exchange as the news was announced. The US economy is still growing at a good pace, according to the most recent data, but there are conagement to the wall might hurt cerns that corporate profits other financial sector compa- are down and investment is flagging. The Dow Jones In-dustrial Average had been down about 70 points before the announcement, but it jumped

sharply as the news came

same day as a very timely re-port from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, which predicted a further decline in borrowing reduce rates to 4.5 per cent during 1999, and anticipated further

The Fed cut rates at its September meeting by a quarter point, which disappointed the market, then delivered another surprise cut of a quarter point just over two weeks later, also reducing the discount rate.

"These cuts appear to have

ty and below-investment quality bonds in the summer," the OECD said. It expressed concerns about the prospects for. the equity market, warning that the likely forecast for corporate profits was poor With labour costs running

declines if the global economy ahead of prices, the fall in profcontinued to show signs of disits could accelerate, raising the risk of a drop in equity prices and a significant fall in investment," the OECD warned. The reaction of financial markets to lower profits will be critical. Another drop in the stock market could dether and push the economy



### Brown too optimistic on growth, warns

THE OECD yesterday predicted that UK economic growth would be considerably weaker than Treasury and Bank of England forecasts, and recommended further cuts in interest rates.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development - which cut its forecasts for growth in all industrialised countries - believes the UK economy will grow by 0.8 per cent next year

By Lea Paterson

and by 1.5 per cent in 2000. The predicting growth of between 1 and 1.5 per cent next year, and between 2.25 and 2.75 per cent in 2000. Bank of England forecasts are similar.

In its latest "Economic Outlook", the OECD concludes: "Given weakening economic prospects, the margin for manoeuvre to soften the over-

reduce interest rates] should increase. Provided inflation Chancellor, Gordon Brown, is remains under control, this margin should be used."

According to the OECD, UK

growth could be even weaker than forecast if economic conditions in Japan fail to improve or if the Bank delays further interest-rate cuts because of misplaced concerns about domestic wage pressures. The latest OECD forecasts

of the UK's continuing eco-nomic slowdown. Inflation hit target for the third successive month, according to new official figures, partly because tough conditions on the high street

clothing and footwear prices. The underlying rate of inflation targeted by the Bank Securities said: "I think there's remained unchanged at 2.5 per cent in October, while the over-

have prompted sharp falls in

all policy stance [that is, to coincided with more evidence fell by 0.1 points to 3.1 per cent, reduce interest rates] should of the UK's continuing eco-its lowest level since June 1997. Goods inflation hit an all-

time low of 1.1 per cent, and services inflation – down 0.1 points to 3.4 per cent – would have fallen further had it not been for the introduction of university tuition fees. Jonathan Loynes of HSBC

a good chance that inflation will fall decisively below target over all level of retail price inflation the next six months, helping the

Monetary Policy Committee to

bring rates down further." fice for National Statistics (ONS) revealed that the Government's budget surplus was a larger-than-expected £7.9bn in

The OECD said it expected the Government to meet "comfortably" its golden fiscal rule that is, only borrow to invest over the course of the eco-

Ian Harvey (left), the chief executive of BTG, which exploits patents and licences for new inventions, with his finance director, Rusi Kathoke, following the announcement that the group is considering setting up a company to exploit a new treatment for varicose veins after failing to find anyone to take on the invention

### Mobile phone shortage looms

looms in the UK as the industry prepares for its most frantic selling season ever. Vodafone warned yesterday.

Chris Gent, chief executive of the UK's largest mobile phone operator, predicted that the supply of handsets would be between 40,000 and 50,000 short 11 million. Most growth is

The shortfall is the result of a buying frenzy, spurred on by heavy discounting by supermarket retailers. Asda is offering consumers a Cellnet phone and £10 worth of free calls for just £69.99. The offer has been

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gave ground.

A SHORTAGE of mobile phones BY PETER THAL LARSEN

matched by Tesco, selling a similar offering from Vodafone. More than one million new mobile users are expected to sign up in the final quarter of the year, taking the total number of UK users to more than expected to be in pre-paid mobile phones - packages where the user pays for the phone and calltime up front without signing a contract or paying a

monthly subscription charge.

ed that eight in 10 of the new

customers Vodafone signed up many customers given the in the UK would be pre-paid users - a sharp increase from earlier periods.

Mr Gent insisted that Vodafone had enough phones to meet demand, but suggested that other network operators A spokesman for Cellnet

said: "I'm not sure anybody can predict the market with such prescience," he said. However. he asked customers to "be patient" if retailers temporarily ran out of stock. Mr Gent yesterday predict-

The seiling frenzy has worried analysts, who fear that

phones as a Christmas present will stop using them when their free time is used up.

Mr Gent criticised as "inappropriate" the decision by Don Cruickshank, the former director general of telecoms regulator Oftel, to join United News & Media as a consultant. Mr Cruickshank is advising United News on making a bid for the third generation of mobile phone licences.

Vodafone vesterday reported a 60 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £467m for the six

### **Investors** go cool on \$2bn F1 bond

BERNIE ECCLESTONE's attempt to raise \$2bn (£1.2bn) via a corporate bond backed by revmotor racing empire looked to night as investors went cool.

A presentation to more than received only a lukewarm response, with a number of leading banks indicating that they will not join in the syndication of the bond. Meanwhile, the European

Commission added to the uncertainty over the issue by saying that its investigation into the running of Formula One and Mr Ecclestone's exclusive deal to license television rights would not be complete before the end of the year. Sources close to Morgan

Stanley Dean Witter, lead arranger of the offer, last night described the reports of investor apathy as "unsubstantiated rumour", adding that there were no signs of anxiety.

However, one banker suggested that the odds against a successful offer had lengthened from 50:50 to 80:20. Whether or not the issue went ahead would depend on how much risk Morgan Stanley and remaining banks in the syndicate would underwrite, he said. Banks said to have been

approached include Deutsche Bank, Merrill Lynch, Salomon Smith Barney and Warburg Dil-Ion Read. One report said two or three banks refused to participate. Other sources close to the offer said the reaction among a number of leading banks had been "non-committal".

BY MICHAEL HARRISON

The European Competition enues from his Formula One Commissioner, Karel Van Miert, is examining Mr Ecclebe running into trouble last stone's 15-year exclusive agreement with the governing body of motor sport, the FIA, giving 200 potential investors on Mon- him the right to promote Forday is understood to have mula One grand prix events until 2010. It is also investigating his exclusive television licensing agreements with broadcasters around the world to establish whether these are anti-competitive.

The licensing deals, which orovide the vast bulk of Formula One's revenues and are critical to its ability to repay interest and capital on the \$2br bond, run for between one and nine years.

Mr Van Miert has been unable to give Mr Ecclestone a letter of comfort in relation to the investigation and its impact on the bond issue. The BBC TV Panorama programme on Monday alleged that Formula One had "seriously misled" investors about the status of the

EC inquiry. Formula One has strongly rejected the claims, pointing out that the prospectus for the bond issue contains 16 pages detailing risk factors and that it believed it would be able to satisfy the EC's competition

The \$2bn bond will pay interest only for the first five years and is due to repaid in full by 2020. The prospectus shows that Formula One's contracted gross revenues are \$407m for next year, \$422m in 2000 and \$424m in 2001.

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### AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

#### NEW YORK

THE DOW leapt by 60 points BLUE CHIPS failed to hold early following the decision of the US gains as the market dithered ahead of the US interest-rate Federal Reserve to cut two key interest rates by 0.25 points, decision. Footsie fell 7.8 points to citing "unusual strains" in the 5.502.7 after at one point scoring a financial markets. 51.9 gain. Supporting shares also However, the index soon pared

GRE insurance group was the its gains on concerns that the difficulties in the world's financial outstanding Footsie constituent. gaining 18.5p to 293.5p following system could be worse than the markets feared. Elliott Platt, at The Independent's story of a possible bid from AXA/UAP of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, said: "They [the Fed] are still France, Sun Life & Provincial, the AXA vehicle which could be used to concerned that this credit crunch mount the bid, fell 22p to 500p. at some point could shut the Derek Pain, page 25

#### TOKYO

THE NIKKEI closed down 15.27 at 14.413 after Moody's credit rating agency downgraded sovereign Japanese debt from Aaa to Aa1, citing concerns over the government's budget deficit. It was the first ever downgrade to sovereign debt in Japan, and came a day after the government spelled out a record 24 trillion yen (£118bn) economic rescue. Meanwhile, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development warned that the situation in Japan warranted "bolder policy action than has been adopted

#### HONG KONG

lower as brokers grew nervous ahead of yesterday's decision on rates by the US Federal Reserve. The Hang Seng fell more than 250 points before ending the day at 10,148.69, a fall of 149.40 points. Market sentiment was affected by

STOCKS CLOSED 1.45 per cent

the IMF's negative comments on the economy on Monday. Selling was also encouraged by Moody's downgrading of Japan's sovereign debt. But brokers said

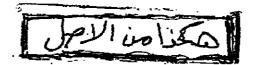
they were still hoping the Hong Kong Association of Banks would cut rates later this week.

#### FRANKFURT

SHARE PRICES fell by 1.43 per cent ahead of the US decision on rates. The Xetra DAX fell by 67.42 points to close at 4718.33. Traders said participants were sidelined as the market awaited the Federal Reserve's decision,

Market sentiment was

depressed by bearish corporate news. Hoechst fell 1.20 to 77.10 as the company reported disappointing nine-month figures and made no announcement on a possible link-up with Rhone-Poulenc SA. Utilities and telecoms companies also made slight losses.



# Pit stop for Bernie's Grand Prix bond

OTHER THAN Bernie Ecclestone himself, everything about Formula One is hig. The hype is mighty, the crowds enormous and the TV audiences gigantic. What Mr Ecclestone and the bankers at Morgan Stanley are about to discover is whether the risks attached to buying Formula One's \$2bn bond offer are also unacceptably large.

In his eagerness to cash in on the success of Formula One, Mr Ecclestone has drawn unwelcome attention to himself and that has scarcely helped his cause. Until his abortive attempt to float the business, no-one, including the racing teams themselves, had really focussed on what a goldmine Bernie and his wife were sitting on.

The draft prospectus for the bond issue may be sketchy in many respects, including the nature of his contractual relationships with the F1 teams. But it does open a window onto the commercial value of his right to promote the grand prix cir-cuit and sell the television rights. In 1999, for instance, contracted gross revenues of Mr Ecclestone's empire will be \$407m, of which \$237m relates to revenues from television.

Unfortunately, the scale of the profits to be had from Formula One have also alerted the attention and interest of the competition authori-



ties and the media. This week's Panorama investigation of Mr Ecclestone's empire has unquestionably left a pail hanging over the bond issue which may be enough to damage investor enthusiasm fatally.

The more serious threat comes from the European Competition Commissioner, Karel Van Miert, He has taken on bigger fish than Mr Ecclestone and fried them - witness British Airways' decision to drop its alliance with American Airlines. So Brussels can't be underestimated.

Mr Van Miert is examining the stranglehold Mr Ecclestone has over Formula One through his exclusive agreement with the sport's governing body, the FIA, to promote it and his exclusive deals to sell the lucrative television rights. If Mr Van

Miert decrees these are anti-competitive, he may want to unrayel the arrangements or at least shorten the existing television contracts.

Mr Ecclestone's supporters say it would not matter if the contracts were shortened since he still retains ownership of the sport and therefore the ability to auction the rights to another operator

Based on the way television revennes have exploded, these rights should be very valuable indeed. However, securitisations such as this one, which matures in 20 years time, depend on long term revenue streams to repay the interest and the principal. Even if it can eventually be proven that the sums stack up, sentiment may be against him.

### The FSA

IT'S ODD that an organisation whose creation when announced a little more than a year ago was generally welcomed as a bold and neces reform is now the object of such a wall of hostile comment and rhetoric. That organisation is, of course, the Financial Services Authority.

When Gordon Brown revealed that he was splitting banking supervision from the Bank of England and consolidating it with other forms

of financial regulation into a single City regulator, there were plenty of warnings about the potential for an overbearing and oppressive bureasteracy, and of the dangers of combining retail with wholesale regulation of financial services, but on the whole the proposal was well received.

Commentators concentrated more on the positive - the advantages of a one stop shop system of regulation which mirrored the blurring of edges between different parts of the financial services industry -

than the negative. So what's happened to change the position? The truth is that the underlying position may not have changed very much, that broadly City practitioners are still reasonably positive, but certainly since the Financial Services Bill was published in the summer, the negative has had the bigger share of column inches.

Concern lies in four areas. First, the new authority's proposed disciplinary powers and procedures are cricitised as potentially oppressive and unjust, that the FSA by acting as investigator, prosecutor, judge and jury could infringe basic human rights and laws of natural justice.

The second area of concern is the FSA's perceived lack of accounton behalf of these people. ability, either to Government and par-

creation, or to the City, which is fund- those investigating alleged breaching the whole exercise. Third is a es and those responsible for disciresurfacing of worry about whether combining wholesale and retail regulation is an appropriate structure. given how different the needs of investors are in these two markets, and the consequent safeguards required. And finally there is the general concern about excessive cost and red tape, and the effect this might have

on the competitiveness of the City. All these concerns need to be addressed in some shape or form, but whether they justify root and branch reform of the Bill is another matter. In each case there is another side to the coin. Take the proposed disciplinary powers. In point of fact they are no different from the powers of existing financial regulators, but bundled together in one overmighty regulator they admittedly seem a lot more daunting. On the other hand, is it not just a little curious that so much attention is being focused on the interests of regulated firms and individuals when the whole point of financial regulation is to defend the interests of investors and depositors. These things are obviously a question of balance, but certainly the FSA needs extensive powers of redress

As it is the FSA has already com-

fiament, which are responsible for its mitted itself to a clear separation of plinary proceedings, but it may be that the Bill will need to be reformed to meet the requirements of the European Convention on Human

> Perhaps more serious are the allegations of lack of accountability and excessive red tape. The FSA does have statutory objectives to pursue and there are a series of general duties, such as to consult with practitioners on costs, which must be observed; it is required to report to parliament and the board dominated by non executives and the executive will be further constrained by a practitioners forum, which already boasts some top drawer City names. To go further would mean giving ministers and or practitioners direct powers of intervention, which in turn would run counter to the idea of in-

dependent regulation. On red tape, there is scant evidence of this so far, or certainly there seems no additional burden other than a great outpouring of consultation documents to respond to. Since one of the FSA's proposed statutory obligations is to take account of the competitiveness of financial markets, there should actually be an inbuilt bias against it. It to those who pay them.

And the City would hardly thank the FSA for failure to consult.

Nonetheless, there is obviously  $\boldsymbol{a}$ danger that the FSA's very considerable powers could be abused. even if there is not much reason for thinking they will be. One possible solution is to be more prescriptive in the legislation, to lay out in considerable detail what the FSA can and cannot do. On the other hand, this would make the FSA rigid, inflexible and arguably incapable of evolution or of rapid response to changed circumstance.

In any case, it is not at all apparent the FSA does need to be reigned in. Many consumer groups think the heavy emphasis in the legislation on caveat emptor inappropriate, that it represents a rolling back of regula-tion which is not in the interests of ordinary savers.

In the end, the best safeguard against abuse is the City uself. It is plainly not in the FSAs interests to kill off the goose that lays the golden egg, quite literally in the FSAs case because the City pays its costs. By the same token, as Howard Davies, chairman of the FSA has remarked, it is very much in the interests of financial institutions to have a system of regulation whose costs have to be justified principal

### **UBS** resists pressure to sell Warburg

UBS, Europe's largest bank, By ANDREW GARFIELD moved yesterday to quell speculation that it is seeking to sell Warburg Dillon Read, its investment banking arm despite worse-than-expected third-quarter losses of £530m

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Overall UBS reported losses for the quarter of Sfr911m (£400m)

Alex Krauer, who replaced investment banking business.

had a highly profitable year.

However, in the bank's quar-Krauer made it clear that a sale or demerger was not on the the only European member of the global bulge bracket and enjoys a strong and differentiated competitive position at a time when growth in the European capital markets is expected to accelerate over the

He added that the division's strategic importance was Private Banking.

However, the chairman said that given the uncertain outlook despite the huge losses UBS for financial markets, Warburg was reviewing its business to ensure that costs met the "ex-

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The losses, which were blamed on the bank's investment in Long-Term Capital Management, the hedge fund, and a huge write-down in the value of the bank's derivatives book, more than wiped out profits elsewhere in the group.

Mathis Cabiallavetta as chairman when the latter quit the bank over the LTCM affair last month, said yesterday that remained committed to the

After the LTCM débacle and subsequent management shake-up, there was strong pressure from more conservative UBS board members to withdraw entirely from investment banking and concentrate on private banking, which has

terly letter to shareholders. Dr cards. "Warburg Dillon Read is medium to long term," he said.

underlined by the "increasingly important linkages" between Warburg Dillon Read and UBS

pected revenue opportunity".

agement business, saw growth slow slightly. However, the bank admitted yesterday that the City fund management business, Phillips & Drew, had been badly hit by an outflow of insti-

#### IN BRIEF

Mediacom makes agreed £27.9m bid for advertising buying group

MEDIACOM, a subsidiary of Grey Advertising of the US, yesterday announced an agreed 527.9m cash offer of 107p per share for The Media Business Group, which specialis es in buying newspaper advertising space and TV airtime. TMBG, which will merge with Mediacom's UK operation, will continue to be headed by founder Allan Rich, who agreed to sell his 30 per cent stake for £8.4m. TMBG shares closed at 104.5p, 36 per cent up on the day.

#### Mitel signs with Energis in UK



ENERGIS, the telecoms group controlled by the National Grid, has signed up Mitel, the equipment manufacturer, to resell its telecoms services in the UK. The news emerged yesterday as the Energis chief executive, Mike Grabiner (pictured), yesterday reported that losses had more than haived to £16.1m in the six months to 30 September. Revenues grew by 57 per

cent to £86.4m, helped by the acquisition of Planet Online, the Internet service provider Energis bought earlier this year. The shares jumped 11p to 870p.

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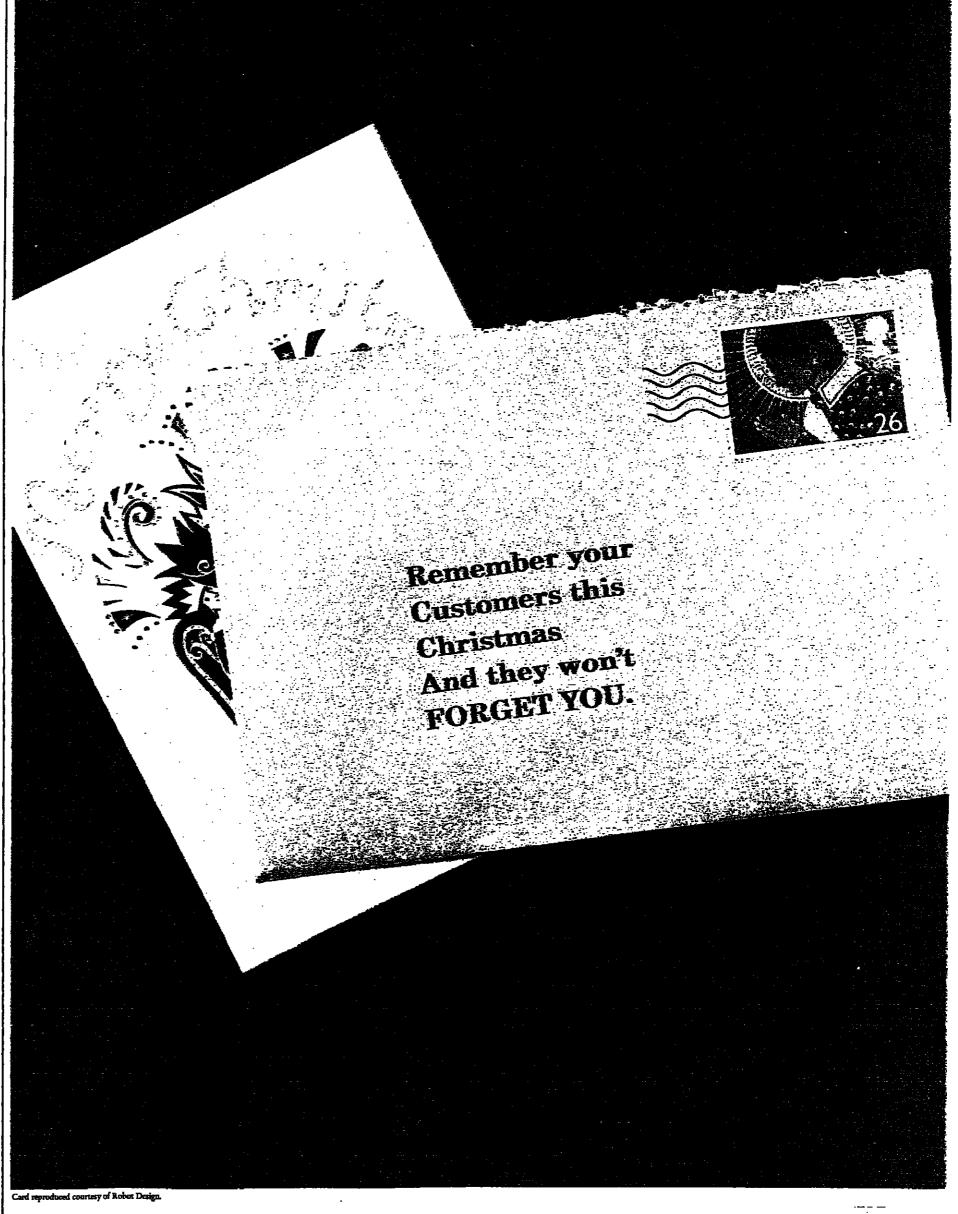
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE is set to land its first order, worth about \$1bn, for its latest narrow-bodied jet, the A318. US aircraft lessor ILFC has signed a memorandum of understanding for 30 of the new 100-120 seater aircraft.

### Canada Life hit by provision

CANADA LIFE, the insurer planning to demutualise next year, announced a collapse in income from £76m to £1m in the year to September owing to provisions connected to UK business. It set aside £48m to cover guarantees on annuities and 27m for pension mis-selling compensation.

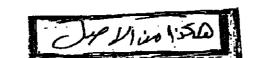
What about those pesky nibs?

BARCLAYCARD moved to end its high-interest reputation yesterday by slashing rates on debts transferred from other card providers. Interest on transfers will haive from 18.9 per cent to 9.9 per cent. Customers who then take further credit will pay at least 17.9 per cent. The cuts will apply to a sample group of 200,000 cardholders.



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News Analysis: The euro is likely to ignite merger mania among insurance giants

# Europe's insurers eye UK market

CONSOLIDATION IN the finan- By ANDREW GARFIELD cial sector is back on the agenda, with both banks and insurance companies dusting down the files on their favourite hid targets in the wake of the nesses, the shares hardly 25 per cent fall in share prices since September

The temporary pause in activity which followed the outbreak of global financial crisis came to an end three weeks ago with Norwich Union's £315m bid for London & Edinburgh, Now investors and deal-hungry cor-porate financiers are itching for

deal, two of Ireland's biggest financial services groups, Irish Permanent and Irish Life, have revealed they are in merger talks. In the UK, as far as the really big deals are concerned. talk is still running ahead of domestically focused business action but the interest is clear-

After Britain's largest insurer, Prudential, signalled an interest in Halifax a fortnight ago, the focus has shifted to the general insurers where the disappearance of the smaller players has left Guardian Royal Exchange, as the UK's smallest composite insurer, looking saw French insurers AXA and dangerously exposed.

Since the purchase of health-Since the purchase of health-care outfit PPP in a £435m many's Allianz buying Cornhill. deal earlier this year, John But more recently continental Robins, GRE's chief executive, has made a valiant stab at putting together a strategy for remaining independent. But shareholders are far from con-

The 5 per cent jump in GRE's share price yesterday after The Independent reported that AXA/UAP, the world's largest insurer, was considering a bid says it all. Last week when GRE said it was putting Financial Editor

its life and healthcare busi-

One City fund manager sit ting on a big chunk of GRE stock said yesterday: "It isn't ideally sized for the markets they are addressing. We've always feit a European player was the most likely to bid."

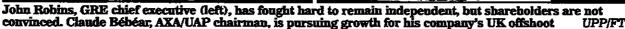
Disappointing third-quarter

results from Royal & SunAlliance and CGU, both products Since the Norwich Union of recent UK mega-mergers, show how difficult it is for even the big guys in the industry to make headway in the face of a worsening global economic climate and fierce competition. For a small and largely such as GRE, the prospects are grimmer still. Meanwhile the UK life business, which is supposed to be less susceptible to the vagaries of the general economic climate, has also been unnervingly soft.

On the whole the UK insurance sector has largely been left to its own devices. The 1980s UAP snap up Equity & Law and European insurers have tended to give the UK a wide berth.

This is partly because of the high prices in the sector, but also because of the wave of hostility to European integration which saw Britain turn its face against participation in the European single currency and persuaded the big European players such as Allianz and was a higher priority.





the compliment and concentrated on expansion either in traditional stomping grounds in Anglo-Saxon markets such as Canada, Australia and the US, or on purely domestic merger

Latterly, though, the ground has been shifting. With the launch of the euro threatening

genuine pan-European market in insurance and savings products, the less insular of the top UK insurance executives have realised that even after mergers such as the Royal and Sun Alliance deal, in global terms British insurers still lag giants such as AXA and Allianz.

Meanwhile, the growing conviction that the Government

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is reawakening interest in the UK market place among the coterie of big insurers who have made being pan-European their top strategic goal.

Fleming, the investment bank, who has acted for a number of big continental players in the past, says: "The more positive Britain is on EMU, the more the bigger players are interested in the UK." Claude Bébéar, chairman of AXA, has been open in his belief that Sun Life and Provincial, its 72 per cent-owned UK quoted offshoot, needs to grow.

He is not alone. Gianfranco Gutty, chief executive of Generali, the secretive Italian insurer which earlier this month announced it was taking a 5 per cent stake in Commerzbank, Germany's fourth-largest bank, said earlier this week that the firm had been looking actively at opportunities in the UK.

One thing that has changed since August is that deals are becoming harder to finance, particularly for companies trying to pay for acquisitions by is-

suing shares. Another is that more evidence that after initial enthusiasm has faded there is Peter Constable at Robert enough meat to keep share

prices moving up in the long But for those with good credit ratings, or who can pull of mergers of equals, there are deals to be done. Stephen Dias, insurance analyst at Goldman Sachs, says: "There are a number of big insurers like Allianz, Generali and AXA that see themselves as pan-European and global, and are seeking to expand their presence in markets where they see them-

selves as lacking size. "Second, there are the bank insurance deals such as Fortis's acquisition of Kredietbank and ING's purchase of BBL in Bel-

"Last, you are seeing more realism on the part of those purely domestic firms that do not have either of those strategies but are under pressure to react to those that do. Consolidation is very much alive."

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### **BOC** shares rise despite profits plunge

BOC, the industrial gases group, BY CLIFFORD GERMAN vesterday continued the shake up of its businesses which will

Chief executive Danny Rosenkranz, who is moving the group's head office to a vacant building in Guildford, said that the group had felt the impact of the economic downturn, particularly in the North Pacific region, the UK and South Africa. However, BOC shares were

marked up by 18p to 866p, despite the announcement of a 44 per cent fall in pretax profits to £247.2m for the year to September 30 after a £144m profits from selling the Ohmeda healthcare business and exceptional restructuring costs of

Mr Rosenkranz reported that the group is beginning to see some benefits of the rationalisation programme and that the cost base "is showing signs of being much better".

By the time the present programme is complete BOC will its workforce of 43,000. Analysts

said that the results obscured see 5,000 jobs disappear world- a steady underlying perforwide with news of a further 400 mance from the continuing job cuts in the Asia/Pacific business, which showed a 4 per cent increase in turnover and a 7 per cent rise in earnings per share to 52.060

The performance in the fourth quarter is less healthy, with sales down 2 per cent, profits unchanged at £100.3m although earnings per share were up 5 per cent, reflecting a 28 per cent drop in group borrowings from £95m to £84m.

Sterling continues to be strong against the currencies where BOC trades and the business climate remains challenging. A quarter of BOC's sales are in the Asia/Pacific regions, where profits fell 20 per cent last year, and more than half the sales of the vacuum technology division are to semiconductor manufacturers.

Analysts left current-year forecasts unchanged yesterday at pretax profits of £405m and earnings of 54p in the current have shed about 12 per cent of year, rising to £450m and 60p

### Pensions redress unfair, say MPs

MEMBERS OF Parliament yes- By ANDREW VERITY terday urged the Government to force shareholders to bear holders must pay more than 10 more of the £15bn cost of pension mis-selling as they concluded their long-running inquiry into the scandal.

The Treasury Select Committee said shareholders in life insurers should bear "a substantial proportion" of the £15bn compensation cost. Many life insurers insist that

compensation should be paid for out of long-term funds. Because of the structure of the funds, policyholders typically bear 90 per cent of the cost and shareholders only 10 per cent. The chairman of the committee, Labour MP Giles

Radice, said: "We think share-

blame policyholders for actions by the company over which they have no control."

The MPs also want the Treasury to consider new laws to protect policyholders' rights in general

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They also said sales people's pay depended too heavily on commissions, and called on the Financial Services Authority, the City regulator, to develop guidance "so that excessive

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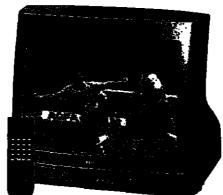
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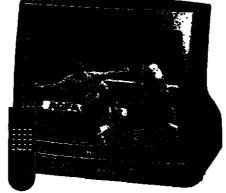
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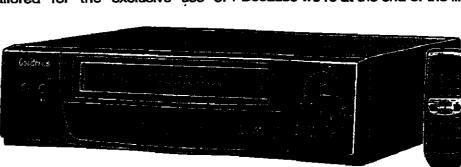


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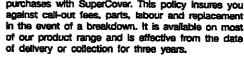


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# Safeway puts Footsie on a lean diet

SAFEWAY, the supermarket chain vhere profits are under pressure, fell 6.5p to 276p, uncomfortably close to the 12-month low. Half-year profits are due today and they are expected to be disappointing say, 17 per cent down at £190m. For the year the market has pencilled in £360m, which would represent a near-£20m increase on last year but below the £400m of earlier times.

The shares, around 426p two years ago, have suffered as competition has grown ever more fierce, putting margins under intense pressure. The group also encountered stock problems

At one time it looked as though rival Asda would take advantage of Safeway's discomfort by mounting a bid. But Westminster killed off any such deal, indicating it would run into monopoly problems. Since then Asda's shares, down 1.5p at 155.5p, have lost so much ground that a merger must have lost much of its appeal.

As the market fretted about afeway, still classified as a food retailer, investors were eating into the shares of food producers following the disappointing trading perforMARKET REPORT



mance by Northern Foods, off 12.5p to 155p. Terranova, the chilled foods spin-off from Hillsdown Holdings, lost 10.5p to 101.5p, Hazlewood Foods 9p to 125.5p and United Biscuits 13p to 237p. Hillsdown lost 5.5p to 85p.

Geest, the old banana group now in chilled foods and fresh produce, lost 16.5p to 418.5p; the price has tumbled from 472.5p this mouth. There are indications that profit forecasts are being cut, and investment meetings this week are not expected to bring much comfort.

when its composition is reviewed next month.

The rest of the market spent a quiet day waiting for the US interest-rate decision. Footsie, at one time 51.9 points higher, ended 7.8 off at 5,502.7. Mid caps, suffering indi-gestion from its food constituents, fell 26.5 to 4,809.1. The small cap index slipped 6.3 to 2.060.9.

GRE, the Guardian Royal Exchange insurance group, climbed 18.5p to 293.5p on The Independent's story of a strike from French group AXA/UAP Trading was brisk. Sun Life & Provincial, the AXA vehicle which could make the bid, fell 22p to 500p.

FirstGroup's much better than expected results helped transport shares, with Stagecoach riding 14.5p higher to 242.5p and Go-Ahead 30p to 655p. FirstGroup put on 27p 392p. Cable & Wireless firmed 8.5p to

696p as its 52.8 per cent-owned Australian off-shoot scored a 23 per cent premium on its Sydney market debut. Energis, which like so many hi-tech groups has produced figures

The company could be in danger of offering nothing as crude as prof-falling out of the mid cap index its, rose 11p to 870p (after 902.5p). Dresdner Kleinwort Benson put a

target of 1,015p on the shares. Tomkins, following an investment presentation, was little

SOUTH BEACH Concepts, a loss-making group developing US-style restaurants, held at 1.25p after licensed dealer **Everett Financial Management** acquired a 9.6 per cent stake. subscribing for 18.8 million new shares.

A former Ofex company which moved to AIM, SBC's restaurants feature bagels, speciality coffees and fruit and vegetable juices. Its shares are 1.25p. They have been as high as 6p since switching to AIM.

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Drugs group Skyepharma rose 11p to 82.5p. A cancer drug being

changed at 273.5p and BTR, ahead of today's meeting with analysts, lost 6p to 100p. Engineer TTs progress after Monday's trading update was short-lived; the shares fell 23.75p to

331p, losing most of their gains.

SHARE SPOTLIGHT dercard, with Media Business up share price, pence 280 to 104.50 as a US group offered an agreed 107p a share. Last month long-running takeover talks with an unidentified group were called off. GRE

> SHARES IN Desire Petroleum, floated as a vehicle to search for oil and gas reserves off the Falkland Islands, fell 4p to a new low of 30p. Fears are growing that the

major oil groups are becoming disenchanted with exploring around the South Atlantic islands and plan to pull out. When Falkland fever was at its height Desire shares hit 445p. Westmount, with 14 per cent of Desire, lost 1p to 32.5p. Its shares hit 275p.

developed by a US group it has agreed to buy is edging towards ap-proval by the US Food and Drug Profit warnings were also evident, with VHE, a building and Administration; Skyepharma also disclosed that Swiss group Novarengineering services group, sig-nalling a profits slide and falling 32p tis is pumping £6m into its shares at 70p a time and had signed a colto 39p. United Carriers fell a furlaboration agreement to develop an ther 3p to 11p after last week's profits caution. Struggling Stordata

Takeovers continued on the un- Solutions lost 0.75p to 2.5p after abandoning a takeover deal.

The perils of US bids was illustrated by recruitment group Robert Walters, which fell 40p to 295p. The shares are to be delisted on Wednesday following the takeover by Staffmark. Until then Walters chares track the Staffmark

price, which fell 11 per cent

overnight. The August deal was said

to value Walters at 430p a share. Stockbrokers were firm on signs that Beeson Gregory could be for sale. Charles Stanley added 26p to 318.5p and Brewin Dolphin 20p to 380p. Garban, the money and securities broking group spun off from United News & Media, had a volatile debut. The shares moved between 197.5p and 235p, closing at 217p, with Seaq putting volume at

6 million. United rose 240 to 638p. Sherwood International, the computer group, jumped 85p to 1,185p ahead of an investment presentation. Shield Diagnostic lost 50p to 517.5p or profit taking.

SEAQ VOLUME: 750.3 million SEAQ TRADES: 57,829 GILT INDEX: 112.37 + 0.35

### Slowing sales adds to Northern Foods' woes

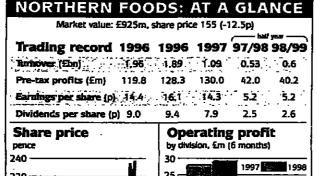
IT HAS been a tough few days for Britain's food companies. On Monday, Unigate warned of a pause in growth this year as consumers tighten their belts. And yesterday Northern Foods chipped in with half-year profits down 4 per cent to £40.2m and gloomy comments about slowing sales growth. It is a now familiar story. The first quarter was relatively strong, but sales fell away in the following three months with no recovery in October or early November.

Northern's problems are hardly surprising. The profits Mapse at Marks & Spencer. which accounts for one-third of sales, has clearly had a knockon effect. Consumers are also showing reluctance to splash out on Northern's more upmarket ready made meals.

All of this has been reflected in the share price, which has fallen substantially from the 236p Express Dairies de-merger in the spring. Yesterday the stock shed another 12.5p to 155p. The best news for Northern

is that at these levels the downside is limited. Northern's capital expenditure for the full year will be £93m against depreciation of £48m. It has aleady made two acquisitions this year in Cavaghan & Gray and Paynes and more in-fill deals can be expected. And with M&S adding 15 per cent more space to its food halls over the next three years, Northern sbould benefit.

The bad news is that with price inflation virtually nonINVESTMENT **EDITED BY PETER THAL LARSEN** 



existent and competition tough, the shares are unlikely to make much progress before Christmas. On full-year forecasts of £98m the shares trade on an un-

### Much faces a baptism of fire

IAN MUCH could hardly have picked a better time to join De La Rue. Barring a catastrophe, yesterday's dire first-half results from the bank-note printing to smart cards group -

**COMPANY RESULTS** 

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which showed pre-tax profits plunging £42.3m to £7.8m should be a low point. The blame for the figures falls squarely on the shoulders of Jeremy Marshall, who stepped demanding forward multiple

> stalled as chief executive, Mr Much should now be able to preside over a steady recovery. Not that the way back will be a doddle. De La Rue's cost base is too high while its management seems more interested in chasing volumes rather than margin. But Mr Much has acted quickly to put this right by reducing bank-note printing ca-

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should add £9m a year to De La Rue's bottom line. Meanwhile, prices are firming, giving a further boost to margins.
Mr Much has also taken per-

sonal charge of the cash sys-tems division. Although he insists it is too early to say what his plans are further restructuring looks inevitable, although a fire sale is unlikely. A final decision is scheduled for the first quarter of next year.

Having had their fingers burnt so badly, investors are unlikely to trust De La Rue until Mr Much can show them concrete evidence of his progress. But with the shares - up 1p to 177p yesterday - trading on a multiple of just eight times forecast earnings for the year to March 2000, they are worth

### Market shares **P&S** optimism

PORTSMOUTH AND Sunderland, the regional newspapers to convenience stores group, down earlier this year. Newly infaces a familiar dilemma. How can a company which relies on advertising revenue prepare itself for a recession?

Announcing a 34 per cent in-crease in adjusted first-half pre-tax earnings yesterday Sir Stephen Waley-Cohen, the chairman, struck a positive note, stressing that "prospects for local publishing and retail-ing were excellent". The marpacity by a quarter. The move ket, which pushed the shares up 40p to 975p yesterday, shared his optimism.

When it comes to resilience to a recession, Portsmouth and Sunderland is different to other newspaper publishers. Twothirds of its £100m of revenues in the period came from its 200strong chain of convenience stores. And it plans to increase the chain by 40 stores a year.

On full-year profit estimates of about £15.5m, Portsmouth and Sunderland shares trade on a forward earnings multiple of just over 10. It looks well-placed which advises the Association to reap the benefit of its move | of British Insurers (ABD) on law into retailing. A long-term buy. I relating to property.



David Knight (centre) in pursuit of Professor Plum, Miss Scarlet and the usual suspects

### The Bar loses at Cluedo

happens also to be the Northern Ireland Cluedo Champion, put up a very creditable challenge in last weekend's UK round of the World Cluedo Championships.

Mr Knight played as The Reverend Green at the tournament, held appropriately enough in the Sherlock Holmes Hotel, Baker Street, London. He described the competition as "intense", and narrowly lost out to Josef Kollar, 53, the defending world champion, who always dresses up as

Colonel Mustard. In real life Mr Kollar is an accountant who lives in a mudwalled house on the borders of the New Forest in Hampshire.

Mr Knight, meanwhile, left Lovell White Durrant, a City law firm, three months ago to set up his own Internet company. He is aiming to put law re-lating to housing finance on the Internet so that local authorities and housing associations can get basic, up-to-date legal advice and information without

having to pay a solicitor. He has also recently been

DAVID KNIGHT, a 38-year-old City of London barrister who PEOPLE AND himself out of the running. He says: "I would advise the Debarrister, warns: "No business **BUSINESS** 

By John WILLCOCK

QUESTION: WHY did the accountant cross the road? Answer: Because he looked up the file and saw that's what they did last year.

AS JOHN SWIFT comes to the end of his five-year contract as the first-ever rail regulator, his boss John Prescott has been advertising for a replacement.

Coincidentally, the Government is also advertising for someone to head up the new Competition Commission, the planned replacement for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC), which is due to

be launched later this month. Mr Swift may not quite be Labour, but he seems to have amassed something of a fan club among City competition lawyers, who reckon that he would make an excellent chairman of the fledgling Commis-

Sadly, Mr Swift has ruled

partment of Trade and Indus- is safe. New fuzzy logic techtry to think very carefully niques used by the Inland Revbefore appointing a utilities regulator to the post."

return to work at the competition Bar, as head of Monckton

EDDIE JORDAN may be worth £54m following his deal to sell motor racing team to Warburg, Pincus. But his friends back in Dublin remember him as a tax law. young bank clerk with AIB, a carpet seller in an open-air market and a second-hand car

Not all at the same time, of course. The enterprising Mr profits, tax paid and so on. Jordan tried many careers before getting his big break as a Formula 3000 driver. When he found it difficult to raise sponsorship he formed his own team. His party piece was to take one of his racing cars flavour of the month with New along to discos and pubs to raise money.

> "FUZZY LOGIC" may sound like something out of a science fiction movie, but the principle underpins the main technique by which the taxman nabs tax

enue mean that they now target firms that fail to conform to business trends in their industry. Be innovative, stray from the norm or buck the trend, and you are liable to be targeted for an investigation."

Mr Watson-Gandy has just co-edited a chapter on "Avoidhalf of his Jordan Formula One ance. Evasion and Tax Investigations" for the Thomson Tax Guide, an electronic guide on

He found that the Inland Revenue is now compiling profiles of exactly what each size of business in each sector should look like, in terms of

Depart from the average by winning a big order, say, or expanding abroad, and you could attract the taxman's

LEAFING THROUGH European Chemical News this week, as one does, my eye was caught by an article on the way regulation in the natural gas sector is hitting the chemical industry. The headline ran: "Feeling the pressure from natural gas". Perhaps the solution is "Rennies" or "Alka Seltzer".

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# SPORT

Golf: They are all aiming to be school-leavers but only 35 players will graduate after a gruelling six-day examination

# Rose chases the card to his future

THE USUAL assumption is that BY ANDY FARRELL golf pros lead a glamorous life. A week on the Costa del Sol at this time of year, lovely jubbly," is the kind of comment they

Every good theory has an exception that proves the rule and in the lifestyles of the rich and that exception. Otherwise moment. known as the Qualifying, or simply "Q", School, the sixgether a few who are rich and famous and many others who merely hope to be.

for six days. It may be all very programme. well taking each hole at a time asters awaiting the 181-man field. By next Monday just 35 will be holding their players' cards and will be eligible to play

The incentive is to be part of ers who have re-

linquished their amateur status and made golf their work, hopes my amateur game

But it is a week when Rose might like to be known by any other name. Reputations

count for nothing and the last that made it easier." thing the 18 year old needed Open, was also not on the

"I don't want to dwell on them," he said. "I've been asked about it so much. I feel I didn't take my amateur game with me into the professional ranks but why it changed I don't know. Maybe I was trying too hard."

Rose's father Ken was more trying to re-enact the Open and has learnt a harsh lesson," he said. "But he has had only one 90th of his professional life and that puts things in perspective. There are no regrets about turning pro. If you are going to turn pro, the sooner you do it the better. Everyone who sees him recognises that he is a very special talent. Hopefully by his early 30s he

famous (golfing section) the next six days. In fact, tomorrow

but there are 108 potential disjust another golf tournament," on the European tour next he said. "But I respect how

a circuit worth more than for the main tour, Rose will need £40million, although the hand to make the 72-hole cut by dealt to the Q school qualifiers being in the leading 75 players is to be granted a place at the and ties to even get a spot on tour's lesser stops. It is, how- the Challenge Tour. At least he ever, a vital step on the ladder has the good memory of a final and one Justin Rose, like oth- round 67 at PQ1 which earned

> Spain. "That was 'I feel I didn't take cluding into the pro ranks. knew what I

The rest of the field is made was the suggestion of one tele-up broadly of three categories: vision company that they follow those who make it through the

field have won 23 European tour titles between them and three have been Ryder Cup players: Paul Way, Gordon J Brand and Steve Richardson. Way won the PGA Champihere for the third successive forthcoming. "Justin has been year. Richardson, a former rookie of the year, also has three wins but was overtaken by Jamie Spence for the 40th

a couple of majors. That is the time scale we are looking at." was closer to the mark when he said: "All that matters is the PGA European Tour School is is all that matters at the

Over the past three weeks Rose has managed to regain his round gruelathon brings to- former accuracy with the driver and has been doing some fitness work to counteract the inch he has grown and the The week is golf's equivalent stone and a half he has put on. of football's First Division play- There have also been appearoffs but is best imagined as a ances on the Big Breakfust penalty shoot-out that goes on and John Inverdale's On Side

> there is no history of past failures to prey on the mind. "To me, it doesn't have an aura, it's tough it is going to be."

my best round of golf to date, in-Open. Mentally, it was the best, there was a lot of courage and determination I needed to do and

Maybe I was

trying too hard'

him for a behind-the-scenes pre-qualifying to get to play at documentary. It took Rose all of San Roque and Sotogrande but three seconds to decline the fail to make it into the top echtournaments as a pro to date, lem qualifying for the tour and The pressure and the pleasure: Justin Rose (above) feels the strain yesterday at San Roque as he prepares to play in the Qualifying School while (below) he enjoys the offer. Looking back on his eight elon; those who have no probthen he failed to make a penny every problem with staying on after finishing fourth at the it; and those whose successful careers on the circuit have come to a sudden halt. No less than 13 players in the event. You have to play per-

onship at the age of 22 but is place in the career money list at Montecastillo two weeks

"Obviously, it's like a normal tournament in that you have to play well to do well," Richardson said. Richard Boxall, whose only other trip to the Qualifying School came 16 years ago, thought differently. It is not the

chip-in at the last hole of this year's Open at Birkdale that catapulted him to stardom and fourth place same feeling as a regular tour

centage golf." Winning the Qualifying stardom but the roll of honour includes Sandy Lyle (1977), the Open and Masters champion, Jose Maria Olazabai ('85), who won the Masters in '94, Ryder Cup players Gordon Brand Jnr ('81) and Jesper Parnevik ('88) and Retief Goosen ('92), South Africa's Alfred Dunhill Cup

Darren Parker, a 30 year old from Essex, will not get the chance to tee up today after being involved in a head-on car crash on the so-called "Highway of Death", the main road along the Costa del Sol to driven by his fellow pro Robert of my career."

Coles which crashed into a BMW, whose woman driver has

been charged with the accident. Parker sustained a broken School is no guarantee of future left arm and had 42 stitches in a head wound while Coles, who suffered whiplash injuries, will wait until the last moment before deciding whether he can play. Two caddies who were also in the car also sustained serious injuries.

Palmer, who has been to the last two Qualifying Schools but missed the cut in each, said: "I am still shaken and don't feel much like getting into a car at the moment. The first I knew of the accident was the screeching of brakes and, looking up, seeing the car heading straight for us. I suppose it is a relief to Malaga. Parker was in a car be alive but I've lost a year out



#### PAST WINNERS OF THE QUALIFYING SCHOOL COMING BACK FOR MORE

The 35-year-old from Koln. who won the German Youths title in 1980, is back at the Qualifying School for no less than the 15th time, a record. He has gained his card three times - and he won in 1989 but on each occasion he failed to retain his playing privileges. Has even twice qualified from the Challenge Tour. including in '97, but finished 144th on the money list this season with £27,542.

Not only won the Q School in

1990 but went on to gain Portugal's first - and so far only European tour win in the 1992 Jersey Open. The 32 year old was born in Johannesburg and was once sponsored by was president of the Pine Cliffs club in the Algarye. Dropped off the tour when injury problems left him 197th in '93. Missed the cut here last

First graduated from the Asian and Challenge Tours to the regular circuit in 1994 but lost his card in '96 only to go on and win the Qualifying School. The 26-year-old Swede had a good season in Europe in '97, vhen he finished 34th on the money list, to go to the USPGA Tour School and won his card. But splitting his time proved a disaster as he finished 196th in Europe and outside the top 200 in America.

CHRIS VAN DER VELDE

Has successfully qualified four of the five times he has been to the Qualifying School, including last year's victory. But has never been able to retain his card, a run that continued this season when he finished 169th. This is the 34-year-old American-born Dutchman who tried to get his card in the States a few years ago and not the French World Cup player

### Sapsford saps Wilkinson's self-belief

DANNY SAPSFORD, ranked No 518 in the world, joked that he quits playing every week. Chris Wilkinson probably wishes it was true. The top seed crumbled against Sapsford in the first round of the National Championships here yesterday.

Wilkinson, No 1 in the absence of Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski, believed he has won only one of their dozen Wimbledon record of four thirdman had denied him success at Telford in the past two years, in the final last year and the semi-

But when Wilkinson looked

By JOHN ROBERTS

The pair generally meet in county matches or on the Satellite Circuit or the Girobank Tour. Wilkinson reckoned he had an opportunity to add the matches. Sapsford noted that National title to his respectable the only singles match he has won in the main draw of an ATP round appearances. Only Hen- Tour event this year was against Wilkinson in the Bris-

tol Challenger in July. Sapsford, who had retired once before, decided that 25 defeats was more than enough. up, there was Sapsford, his Before the US Open he told bogey player", ready to add a Jeremy Bates, the Lawn 6-1, 7-6 defeat to his frustrations. Tennis Association's manager

he would stop playing after the Bournemouth tournament in September. "I asked Jeremy to bear me in mind if there was

any work at the LTA." What changed Sapsford's mind was a lucrative run of success in the doubles event at the US Open in partnership with the South African Lan Bale. They emerged from the qualifying tournament and advanced to the third round, where they were defeated by the Indian Davis Cup pair, Leander Paes and Mahesh

Bhupathi, Sapsford had stumbled on a nice little earner. "After losing racket. He said playing Sapsreally tough singles matches

of men's national training, that playing in the first round of always seems to get the ball he would stop playing after the doubles, which covers expens-back," Wilkinson said. es, and share \$15,000 for winning the second round of some ATP Tour doubles

The winner of the men's doubles title at the Nationals last year, partnering Norfolk's Tom Spinks, Sapsford is now ranked in the top 100 as an ATP Tour doubles player. His singles form was sharp enough to earn him £500 for beating Wilkinson vesterdav.

Describing the defeat as "a bit of a kick in the teeth", the 28rear-old, ranked No 178, vented his anger by smashing his ford had become a mind game.

The first set vanished after only 20 minutes, but the second threatened to go on forever as the players engaged in lengthy rallies, chiefly comprising halfcourt balls that begged to be put out of their misery.

Sapsford, having broken in the opening game, saved three break points at 2-1, was unable to convert a break point for 5-2, and then saw Wilkinson save three match points at 5-3, and level at 5-5. Wilkinson held a set point with Sapsford serving at 5-6 and created three more in the tie-break before Sapsford took his fourth match point to

win the shoot-out 8-6. and picking up only \$300 (£185). "I like to play serve and volley, The leading juniors had I found I could share \$1,500 for but I'm not a big hitter, and he varying fortunes. Mark Hilton, The leading juniors had

17, defeated Nick Gould, the No 5 seed 6-4, 6-4 but Yorkshire's David Sherwood, 18, was eliminated by Paul Robinson, a 24-year-old qualifier from Northamptonshire, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.

In the women's singles, Hannah Colin, 16, was unable to stretch Louise Latimer to a third set, the fourth seed winning 6-4, 7-5. Sam Smith began the defence of her title with a 6-2, 6-2 win against her Essex team-mate, Helen Crook... Four of Britain's former and

present Davis Cup players -Jeremy Bates, Andrew Richardson, Neil Broad and Mark Petchey - will compete in next month's special doubles tournament at the Honda Challenge at Olympia in London.

#### ARANTXA SANCHEZ VICARIO in January: "We end the year on and Conchita Martinez, both 22 November and then we have Spaniards, both 26 and both to start in January, It's like goseeded, were both knocked out

Spanish pair blame

fatigue for failure

of the season-ending Chase Championships in New York The pair cited fatigue as explanation for their sluggish

performances on Monday night, the Fed Cup team-mates losing tough first-set tie-breaks with nothing left to give in the

second set. Martinez, who fell 7-6, 6-2 to Beigium's Dominique Van Roost, said it was just too late in the year to hold such an im-

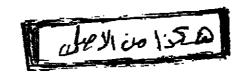
portant tournament. "It's very hard to keep the year going so long," said the seventh seed, who reached the Australian Open final way back human beings."

22 November and then we have

go. go." The usually fleet-footed Sanchez Vicario is known as the game's most tenacious battles But after the first set, there was no evidence of the trademark

intensity in her eyes. "Everybody is coming to this tournament really tired and my body just feels it," said the fourth-seeded Sunchez Vicaria a 7-6. 6-1 inser to the Romanian

Irina Spirlea. "I still tried my best but the second set I didn't have much energy left," she said. "We play because we like it, because it is our profession, but we are



# Pain drain on Atherton

THE ENGLAND physiotherapist BY MYLES HODGSON Wome Morton yesterday re-vested the full extent of the pain and discomfort that Michael Atherton has been forced to endure from a back problem which may rule him out

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of contention for the first Test. Atherton suffers from a hereditary condition known as ankylosing spondylitis, which cripples tens of thousands of people in Britain and also ended the football career of his father Alan. He had a spinal operation nine years ago to cure the complaint, although frequent recurrences have plagued him ever since.

Given the back trouble throughout his Test career, Marton believes Atherton's sucses will be respected all the more when he decides his appetite for the game is no longer enough of a motivation.
"He bats in an awful lot of

discomfort," Morton said. "I'm sure when he goes out of the game he will be thought of by other people and his peers as a little bit of a hero after the kind of discomfort he has played in."

The latest setback followed cortisone injections in Adelaide to enable him to play in the

in Brisbane

drawn game against South Australia, but their failure to provide nothing more than temporary relief prompted Morton to set up an appointment with the renowned back specialist Bill Ryan here yesterday.

Atherton was given a further problem and if that fails to could actually knock it on the an innocent walking down the work, further rehabilitation and head while we are down here." street and an idiot decides to

fiant display by Griqualand West

at Kimberley as the West Indies

in the opening first-class match

Griqualand B team, took full

advantage of his chance to play

his maiden first-class century.

in their second innings after

Brooker, captain of the

of their South African tour.

rest followed by another injection could be required.

"We hope we will establish a cure rather than just a temporary relief with the injection," explained Morton, who joined England's casualty list by dislocating his right shoulder during a light fielding practice. "We and bruises. "It's a very unforwere hoping initially that we tunate incident which John would not have to progress to regrets and is embarrassed injection and scan in a separate stage two, but as he is obviously about, but it is a sign of the area of the back in an attempt suffering a little we thought we times and it does happen in the to determine the nature of the would give it a go and see if we world," said Morton. "You get

Match drawn

avoid an innings defeat.

Bossenger made 102, his sec-

and first-class hundred, before

play was called off an hour early

because of fading light. The pair

West record by putting on 148 for

Pat Symcox completed a

were forced to settle for a draw on 123 for 5, still needing 72 to

in the senior side by hitting 111, broke a 108-year-old Griqualand

starting the fourth and final day half-century off only 22 balls on

as the hosts reached 435 for 9 the eighth wicket.

However, Atherton is not give him a smack. That's the only casualty occupying exactly what happened and no Morton in the days leading up more than that. It's a case of to the start of the Ashes series, being in the wrong place at the following the attack on John wrong time. He's got away Crawley in Cairns on Sunday lightly because those sort of inwhich resulted in the Lancidents can turn nasty and he's cashire batsman suffering cuts got away with some bad facial cuts, but hopefully no longterm scars."

Graham Gooch, the England manager, added: "John wants to forget the incident. concentrate on his cricket and is looking forward to the big match here on Friday - we really don't want to keep bringing this up now, we want to divert **Brooker draws best out of West** all our energy and concentration into this Test match." FINLEY BROOKER and Wendell Griqual and West 271 & 435-9 a disappointing day for the Bossenger yesterday led a de- West Indies 466 West Indies.

Australia go into this Ashes series as perhaps the most successful side in history. according to Wisden. They are top of the Wisden World Championship, which awards two points for winning a series and one for a draw, with 25 points out of a possible 28. By back-dating the records to 1952, when Pakistan began playing Tests, only Richie Benaud's Australian team of the early 1960s and the West Indians of the 1980s were found to have remotely comparable records.



Michael Atherton at net practice in Brisbane after visiting hospital

### COMPLETE FIXTURE GUIDE TO THE 1999 CRICKET SEASON

a disappointing day for the West Indies.

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3 Essex, Old Trafford (1.NL) (Floodit)
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August
4 Derbyshire, Derby (4)
10 Gloucestershire, Old Trafford (1,NL)
2 Yorkshire, Headingley (1,NL) (Floodik)
17 Yorkshire, Old Trafford (1,NL) (Floodik)
19 Yorkshire, Old Trafford (1,NL)
24 Worcestershire, Worcester (4)
29 Leicestershire, Old Trafford (1,NL)
September September
1 Durham, Old Trafford (4)
1 Durham, Old Trafford (1,NL) (Floodill) 6 Hampshire, Old Traiford (1.NL) (Fiz 8 Kent, Old Traiford (4) 12 Kent, Old Traiford (1.NL) 15 Somerset, Taunton (4) 19 Worcestershire, Worcester (1.NL)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

April 12 Cambridge University, Trent Bridge (3) 18 Middlesex, Lord's (1.NL)

5 Oxford University. The Parks (3) 9 World Cup warm up match: Sri

9 World Cap warm up match:
Bridge (1)
14 World Cup warm up match:
Bridge (1)
14 Somerset, Trent Bridge (4)
19 Lancashire, Old Trafford (4)
27 Hampshire, Trent Bridge (4)
31 Somerset, Trent Bridge (1,NL) June 2 Northamptonshire, Northampton (4)

13 Somerset, Bath (1,NL) 15 Warwickshire, Trent Bridge (4) 19 Middlesex, Trent Bridge (1,NL) 23 Middlesex (1, NWT)

9 Durbaro, Riverside Ground (4) a turnam, knerside Ground (4)
18 Glamorgain, Trent Bridge (1,NL)
21 Kent, Trent Bridge (4)
25 Sussex, Cleethorpes CC (1,NL)
30 Derbyshire, Trent Bridge (4)

August
4 Middlesen, Southgate (4)
8 Surrey, The Foster's Oxal (1,NL) (Floodilt)
12 Durham, Riverside Ground (1.NL) 14 Lurnam, Norestoe cround (1.MI 18 Glamorgan, Colwyn Bay (4) 22 Glamorgan, Colwyn Bay (1.ML) 24 Yorkshire, Trent Bridge (4) 29 Derbyshire, Trent Bridge (1.ML) 30 Derbyshire, Derby (1.ML)

DURHAM

18 Surrey, Riverside Ground (1,NL) 24 Somerset, Taumton (1,NL) 28 Hampshire, Riverside Ground (4)

desex. Riverside Ground (1.NL) 8 World Cup warm up match Riverside Ground (1) 10 World Cup warm up match: Po side Ground (1) 14 Kent, Stockton (4) 23 Derbyshire, Derby (1,NL) 27 Yorkshire, Headingley (4) Jume 2 Somerset, Riverside Ground (4) 6 Somerset, Riverside Ground (1,NL)

(1) (Only played if NZ not in Super Six stage of World Cup) 9 Northamptonshire, Northampton (4) 13 Sussex, Hove (1,NL) 19 Northamptonshire, Riverside Ground (1,NL) 23 Qualifier (1, NWT) 30 Surrey, The Foster's Oval (4)

July 4 Middlesex, Lord's (1,NL) 9 Notinghamshire, Riverside Ground (4) 13 Derbyshire, Riverside Ground (1,NL) 15 Derbyshire, Riverside Ground (4) 21 Gloucestershire, Cheitenham ( 26 Teur match 5rl Lanka A, Rive

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30 Glamorgan, Cardiff (4)
Amgust
4 Sussex, Riverside Ground (4)
8 Sussex, Riverside Ground (1,NL)
10 Glamorgan, Cardiff (1,NL)
12 Notringhamshire, Riverside Ground (1,NL)
18 Essex, Colchesper (4)
24 Middlesex, Riverside Ground (4)
29 Surrey, The Poster's Oval (1,NL)
30 Norrhamptonshire, Northampton (1,NL)
September
1 Lancashire, Old Trafford (4)
8 Warwickshire, Riverside Ground (4)
12 Glamorgan, Riverside Ground (1,NL)
15 Leicestershire, Leicester (4)

15 Leicestershire, Leicester (4) 19 Nottinghamshire, Trent Bridge (1,NL)

April 13 Essex, Chelmsford (4) 17 Hampshire, Lelcester (1,NL) 20 Nottinghamshire, Lelcester (4)

LEICESTERSHIRE

Many 3 Kent, Conterbury (1.NL) 7 World Cup warm up match: Lekester (1) 11 Morid Cup warm up match: Sri Larke, Leices

Cheimsford (1)
9 World Cup warm up match:
Cheimsford (1)
14 Surrey, The Foster's Oval (4)
19 Yorkshire, Cheimsford (4)
23 Yorkshire, Cheimsford (1, NL)
26 Gloucestershire, Gloucester (4)
31 Warwickshire, Edgbaston (1, NL)

June
2 Hampshire. Bford (4)
6 Gloucestershire, Bford (1.NL)
9 Derbyshire, Cheimsford (4)
13 Kent. Cheimsford (1.NL)
15 Oxford University, Criefmsford (3)
19 Vortshire. Headingley (1.NL)
23 Northamptonshire (1.NWT)
25 Lancashire. Old Trafford (4)
July July 3 Lancashire, Old Trafford (1,NL)

9 Glamorgan, Cardiff (4)
14 Middlesex, Southend (1)
18 Hampshire, Southend (1, NL)
21 Tour match: Sri Lanka A, Chelmsford (4)
30 Northamptonshire, Northampton (4) August
4 Kent, Canterbury (4)
8 Kent, Canterbury (1, ML)
10 Hampshire, Southampton (7, NL)
12 Leicestershire, Cheimsford (1, NL)
13 Tour match New Zesland, Cheimsford (4)
(versus Northants If Essex in NWT Semi Finals)
18 Durham, Coichester (4)
22 Warwickshire, Coichester (1, NL)
24 Somerset, Cheimsford (4)
29 Worcestershire, Worcester (1, NL)
September

September

1 Sussex. Eastbourne (4)

5 Worcestershire, Chelmsford (1,NL)

8 Worcestershire. Chelmsford (4)

12 Gloucestershire. Sriszol (1,NL)

15 Notdinghamshire. Trent Bridge (4)

19 Leicestershire. Leicester (1,NL)

Group A Sri Lanka, India, South Africa, England, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Group B: Australia, West Indies, Pakistan, New Zealand, Bangadesh, Scotland. *Top three* in each group qualify for Super Six stage

Group match England v Sri Lanka Lord's Sat 15

Group matches India v South Africa Hove Zimbabwe v Kenya Taunton Sun 16

Group matches
Pakistan v West Indies Bristol
Australia v Scotland Worcester
Mon 17

India v Zimbabwe Northampton

Group match West Indies v Bangladesh Dublin Sat 22

Thu 20
Group matches
Australia v New Zealand Cardiff
Pakistan v Scotland Riverside Ground

Mon 17
Group match
Bangladesh v New Zealand Cheimsford
The 18
Group match
England v Kenya Canterbury
Wed 19
Group matches
Sri Lanka v South Africa Leicester

MAY WORLD CUP

Fri 14

GLAMORGAN

1 **World Cup warm up match:** Kenya, Cardiff 14 Gloucestershire, Cardiff (4) 19 Oxford University, The Parks (3) 23 Sussex, Hove (1.NL) 26 Worcestershire, Worcester (4) 31 Northamptonshire, Cardiff (1.NL)

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2 Leicestershire, Leicester (4)
6 Derbyshire, Derby (1,NL)
9 Middlesex, Cardiff (4) 13 Your match New Zealand, Cardiff (1) 13 sour mactor New Zealand, Carolin (Only played if NZ not in Super Sir stage (Dn)
15 Kent, Canterbury (4)
15 Surrey, The Foster's Oval (1,NL)
23 Qualifier (1, NWT)
30 Hampshire, Swansea (4)

July
4 Sussex, Swansea (1,NL)
9 Essex, Cardiff (4)
14 Lancashire, Biackpool (4)
18 Nottinghamshire, Trent Bridge (1,NL)
25 Surrey, Pontypridd (1,NL)
30 Durham, Cardiff (4)

30 Durham, Cardiff (4)
August
4 Surrey, The Foster's Oval (4)
10 Durham, Cardiff (1, NL)
12 Northamptonshire, Northampton (1, NL)
18 Nottlinghamshire, Colwyn Bay (4)
22 Nottinghamshire, Colwyn Bay (1, NL)
24 Warwickshire, Cardiff (1, NL)
30 Somerset, Cardiff (1, NL)
(Floodik)
Septamber
2 Somerset, Taunton (4)
8 Yorkshire, Headingley (4)
12 Durham, Riverside Ground (1, NL)
15 Northamptonshire, Cardiff (4)
19 Middlesex, Cardiff (1, NL)

INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES

stralia v Bangladesh Riverside Ground

Group matches Zimbabwe v South Africa Chelmsford

Group matches Sri Lanka v Kenya Southampton West Indies v Australia Old Trafford

Group matches Scotland v New Zealand Edinburgh

Pakistan v Bangladesh Northampton

Group A2 v Group B 2 The Foster's Oval

Sun 6 World Cup Super Six Group A3 v Group B3.Headingley

World Cup Super Six Group A2 v Group B1 Old Trafford

World Cup Super Six Group A3 v Group B2.Lord's

Sri Lanka v India Taunton South Africa v Kenya Amsterdam

West Indies v Scotland Leicester

Group match New Zealand v Pakistan Derby

England v India Edgbaston Sum 30

World Cup Super Six

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Wed 26 Group ma

Thu 27

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Sat 29

GLOUCESTER

April 13 Surrey, The Foster's Oval (4) 21 Yorkshire, Headingley (4) 25 Yorkshire, Headingley (1.NL) 28 Middlesex, Bristol (4) 3 Lancashire, Bristol (1,NL) 8 World Cup warm up mate

8 World Cup warm up match: West Indies, Br tol [1] 9 World Cup warm up: Kenya. Bristol [1] 14 Glamorgan, Cardiff [4] 19 Sussex, Hove (4) 26 Essex, Gloucester (4) 31 Worcestershire, Gloucester (1.NL)

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2 Lancashire, Bristol (4)
6 Essex, librod (1.NL)
9 Somerset, Bath (4)
13 Leicestershire, Bristol (1.NL)
13 Tour match New Zealand, Bristol (4)
(7 day match on Fri 18 June if NZ In Super 6 but out of Semi-S)
19 Worcestershire, Worcester (1.NL)
23 Qualifier (1. NWT)
27 Surrey, Bristol (1) (Reserve day Mon 28 June)
30 Nottinghamshire, Bristol (4)
July

July 14 Worcestershire, Cheltenham (4) 18 Yorkshire, Cheltenham (1.NL) 19 Tour match Sri Lanka A, Cheltenham (1) 21 Durham, Cheltenham (4) 25 Warwickstere, Cheltenham (1,NL) 30 Tour match Sri Lanka A, Bristol (4

25 Warwickshire, Cheitenham (I,NL)
30 Tour march Sri Lanka A, Bristol (4)
(Surrey to ploy If Glos in Super Cup Final)
Angust
3 Hampshire, Bristol (1,NL) (Floodlit)
5 Hampshire, Bristol (4)
10 Lancashire, Old Trafford (1,NL)
12 Kent, Bristol (1,NL)
17 Northamptonshire, Northampton (4)
22 Hampshire, Southampton (1,NL)
24 Leicestershire, Leicester (4)
30 Leicestershire, Leicester (1,NL)
31 Warwickshire, Edgbaston (1,NL) (Floodlit)
September

September 2 Warwickshire, Edgbaston (4) 8 Derbyshire, Bristol (4) 12 Essex, Bristol (1, NL) 15 Kent, Canterbury (4) 19 Kent, Canterbury (1, NL)

Group A1 v Group B3.Edgbaston

Group A3 v Group B1. The Foster's Oval

Group A - 2 v Group B - 3. Trent Bridge

Group A - 1 v Group B - 2.Headingley

England v New Zealand (First Test)

England v New Zealand (Second Test) Lord's

England v New Zealand (Third Test) Old

England v New Zealand (Fourth Test) The

WARWICKSHIRE

World Cup Super Six

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Semi-final (1) Old Trafford

Semi-final (2).Edgbaston

Sun 13

Wed 16

Thu 17

Sun 20

JULY

Thu 1

Edgbaston

Thip 22

AUGUST

Tha 5

Trafford

Tbu 19

Foster's Oval

World Cup

World Cup

Final Lord's

TEST MATCHES

HAMPSHIRE

April 14 Osford University, The Parks (3) 17 Leicestershire, Leicester (1,NL) 21 Kent, Southampton (4) 25 Kent, Southampton (1,NL) 28 Durham, Riverside Ground (4)

28 Jurrain, werside Groun (4)
28 World Cap warm up match: New Zealand.
Southampton (1)
21 World Cap warm up match:England.
Southampton (1)
24 Wordestershie, Southampton (4)
25 Negtinghamshire, Trent Bridge (4)
27 Negtinghamshire, Trent Bridge (4)
31 Yorkshire, Headingley (1,NL)
June

31 Yorkshire. Basingstoke (4)
13 Yorkshire. Basingstoke (4)
13 Yorkshire. Basingstoke (1,NL)
15 Lexestershire. Southampton (4,NL)
23 Qualifier (I, NWT)
25 Yorkshire. Headingley (1)
(Reserve days Sar 26 June to Mon 28 July
July
July

July 4 Worcestershire, Worcester (1,NL) 4 Worcestersmin. Worcester (T.NL)
9 Your match New Zealand, Southampton (4)
(or Yorkshire & Headingley depending on outcome
of Super Cup Quorter Finals)
14 Surrey, Guildford (4)
18 Essex, Southend (1.NL)
21 Lancashire, Portsmouth (A)
25 Lancashire, Portsmouth (1.NL)

25 Lancashire, Portsmouth (1.NL) Regust
3 Gioucestershire, Bristol (1.NL) (Floodilit)
5 Gioucestershire, Bristol (4)
10 Essex, Southampton (1.NL)
17 Wanwickshire, Southampton (4)
22 Gioucestershire, Southampton (1.NL)
24 Sussex, Portsmouth (4)
30 Kent, Canterbury (1.NL)
September
1 Northamptonshire, Northampton (4)
5 Lancashire, Old Traiford (1.NL)
6 Lancashire, Old Traiford (1.NL) (Floodilit)
8 Somerset, Southampton (4)
12 Worcestershire, Southampton (1.NL)
15 Derbyshire, Derby (4)

15 Derbyshire, Derby (4)
19 Warwickshire, Edgbaston (1,NL)

24 Northamptonshire, Conterbury (4) 29 Yorkshire, Conterbury [1.NL] 30 Hampshire, Conterbury (1.NL) September 1 Yorkshire, Scarborough (4) 8 Lancashire, Old Trafford (4) 12 Lancashire, Old Trafford (1,NL) 15 Gloucestershire, Canterbury (4) 19 Gloucestershire, Canterbury (1,NL)

### MIDDLESEX

April 13 Kent. Lord's (4) 18 Nottinghamshire, Lord's (1.NL) 20 Lancashire, Lord's (4) 25 Glamorgan, Lord's (1.NL) 28 Gloucestershire, Bristol (4)

May 3 Durham, Riverside Ground (1.NL) Uterial Cup warm up match: Bangadesh, Southgate (1)
 World Cup warm up match: South Africa, 11 World Cup Warm up tool So, thgate (1) 14 Yorkshire, Headingley (4) 19 Hampshire, Lord's (4) 26 Sussex, Lord's (4) 31 Sussex, Lord's (1,NL)

Juse
2 Warnickshire, Edgbaston (4)
6 Northamptonshire, Northampton (1.NL)
9 Gamorgan, Cardif (4)
16 Cambridge University, Fenner's (3)
19 Nottinghamshire, Trent Bridge (1.NL)
23 Nottinghamshire (1. NWT)

30 Derbyshire. Lord's (4) July 4 Durham. Lord's (1.NL) 9 Northamptonshire, Lon 4 Durham, Lord's (1.NL) 9 Northamptonshire, Lord's (4) 14 Essex, Southend (4) 18 Sussex, Arundel (1.NL) 21 Somerset, Tamton (4) 25 Somerset, Taunton (1.NL)

25 Somerset, Jaumon (1.Nc)
Angust
4 Nottinghamshire, Southgate (4)
8 Somerset. Southgate (1.NL)
10 Derbyshire, Southgate (1.NL)
11 Tour match New Zealand, Southgate (1)
12 Northamptonshire, Southgate (1,NL)
24 Derban, Beestick Grandf (6)

22 Northamptonshire, Southgate (\*)
24 Durham, Riverside Ground (4)
31 Surrey, Lord's (T.NL)
September
5 Derbyshire, Derby (1.NL)
7 Surrey, The Foster's Oval (1.NL)
(Fisodit)
9 Surrey, Lord's (4)
15 Wordestershire, Wordester (4)
19 Glamorgan, Cardif (1.NL)

WORCESTERSHIRE

May 3 Yorkshire, Worcester (1.NL) Cup warm up match: Australia.

July 4 Hampshire, Worcester (1,NL) 9 Kent, Worcester (4) 14 Gloucestershire, Cheltenham (4) 20 Lekestershire, Worcester (1,NL) (Shoothire)

1 Kgnt, Worcester (1,NL)
4 Kortshke, Headingley (4)
8 Yorkshire, Headingley (1,NL)
10 Tee match Sr Lanka A. Worcester (4)
18 Derbyshire, Kudderminster (4)
22 Leicestershire, Leicester (1,NL)
24 Lancashire, Worcester (4)
29 Esse, Worcester (1,NL)
30 Warwickshire, Worcester (1,NL)

September
Sesser, Chelmsford (1.NL)
Sesser, Chelmsford (4)
12 Hampshire, Southampton (1.NL)
15 Middleser, Worcester (4)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

KENT

7 World Cup warm up match: England, Carl

7 World Cup warm up match: England, Chi-terbury (1)
9 World Cup warm up match: South Africa.
Canterbury (1)
14 Durham, Stockton (4)
20 Cambridge University, Fenner's (3)
23 Warnickshire, Edgoaston (1,NL)
26 Leicestershire, Canterbury (4)

June
2 Surrey, Tunbridge Wells (4)
6 Worcestershire, Tunbridge Wells (1.NL)
9 Sussex, Hove (4)
13 Essex, Chelmsford (1.NL)

30 Warwickshire, Maidstone (4)

July 4 Warwickshire, Maldistone (1.NL)

**August** 1 Worcestershire, Worcester (1,NL)

4 Essex, Canterbury (4) 8 Essex, Canterbury (1.NL) 10 Leicestershire, Leicester (1.NL) 12 Gloucestershire, Bristol (1.NL)

18 Somerset, Taunton (4)

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 Worzestershire, Wurcester (4)
 Tour match New Zeoland, Contenbury (4)
 Nottinghamshire, Trent Bridge (4)
 Synkshire, Scarborough (1, NL)

April
13 Middleses, Lord's (4)
18 Lancashue, Canterbury (1,NL)
21 Hampshire, Southampton (4)
25 Hampshire, Southampton (1,NL)
28 Derbyshire, Canterbury (4)

3 Leicestershire, Canterbury (1.NL

13 Warwickshire, Edgbaston (4) 21 Sussex, Hove (4) 25 Surrey, The Foster's Oxol (1.NL) World Cup warm up match: Sri Lanka,

Northampton (1)
9 Cambridge University, Fenner's (3)
12 World Cup warm up match: Banglade Northampton (1)
14 Lancashire, Old Trafford (4)
19 Derbyshire, Derby (4)
31 Glamorgan, Cardiff (1,NL)

June
2 Nordingnamshire, Northampton [4]
6 Middlesen, Northampton [1.NL)
9 Durham, Northampton [1.NL)
13 Surrey, Northampton [1.NL]
13 Durham, Rherside Ground (1.NL)
23 Essex (I. NWT)
20 Microstrusthus, Northampton [4] July 4 Nottinghamshire, Northampton (1,NL)

4 Notingiamente, Northampton (1, NL)
9 Middleses, Lord's (4)
15 Teur match Srt Lanka A, Northampton (4)
20 Yorkshire, Scarborough (4)
25 Derbyshire, Derby (1, NL)
30 Essex, Northampton (4) August
4 Somerset, Northampton (4)
8 Derbyshire, Northampton (1,NL)
10 Nottinghamshire, Trent Bridge (1,NL)

12 Glamorgan, Northampton (1,NL) 24 Kent, Canterbury (4) 29 Sussex, Hove (1,NL) 30 Durham, Northampton (1,NL) S**eptember** 1 Hampshøe, Northampton (4)

8 Lekestershke, Northampton (4) 12 Somerset, Northampton (1,NL) 15 Glamorgan, Cardiff (4) 19 Somerset, Taunton (1,NL)

YORKSHIRE

April
21 Gloucestershire, Headingley (4)
25 Gloucestershire, Headingley (1,NL)
29 Somerset, Tounton (4)

(1) 1**2 World Cup warm up match:** Scotland, Scar-

June
2 Derbyshire, Derby (4)
9 Hampshire, Basingstoke (4)
13 Hampshire, Basingstoke (4)
15 Sussex, Headingley (4)
15 Sussex, Headingley (1)
15 Essex, Headingley (1)
25 Qualifier (I, MWT)
25 Mampshire, Headingley (1)
(Reserve days Satt 26 June to Mon 28 June)
29 Leicestershire, Lekester (1, ML)
(Floodfil)

July
1 Lekestershire, Lekester (4)
13 Warwickshire, Edgbaston (4)
17 Warwickshire, Edgbaston (1,NL)
18 Gloucestershire, Cheltenham (1,NL)
20 North homotophic Cauthorium (4)

September

1 Kent, Scarborough (4)

5 Lelicestershire, Scarborough (1.NL)

8 Glamorgan, Headingley (4)

12 Warnvickshire, Headingley (1.NL)

15 Surrey, The Foster's Oval (4)

Group matches
England v South Africa The Foster's Oval
Zimbabwe v Sri Lanka Worcester
Tue 25
Group match
England v Zimbabwe Trent Bridge

3 Nottinghamshire, Trent Bridge (1,NL) 10 World Cup warm up snatch: New Zealand, The Foster's Oval (1)
12 World Cup warm up match: West indies,
The Foster's Oval (1)
14 Essex, The Foster's Oval (4)

Jesse 2 Kent, Tunbridge Wells (4)
9 Leicestershire, Leicester (4)
15 Norrhamptonshire, Northampton (1.N
15 Lancashire, The Foster's Oxal (4)
19 Giamorgan, The Foster's Oxal (1.NL)
23 Qualifier (1.NWT)
27 Gloucestershire, Bristol (1)

August A Glamorgan, The Foster's Oxal (4) The Foster's Ox 8 Nottinghamshire, The Foster's Oval (1,NL) 12 Sussex, Hove (1,NL) 18 Sussex, Hove (4) 24 Derbyshire, Derby (4)

(Floodilt) 9 Middlesex, Lord's (4) 15 Yorkshire, The Foster's Oval (4)

September
1 Nottinghamshire, The Foster's Oval (4)
6 Susser, The Foster's Oval (1,NL) (Fipodilit)
7 Middlesex, The Foster's Oral (1.NL) (\*\*Roccinghamshire, Hove (4)
12 Noccinghamshire, Hove (1,NL)
15 Warwickshire, Edgbaston (4)
19 Derbyshire, Derby (1,NL)

April
13 Lancashire, Old Trafford (4)

SUSSEX

9 Kent, Hove (4)

(Reserve days Sat 26 June to Man 28 June) 30 Somerset, Taunton (4) July 4 Glamorgan, Swansea (1.ML) 14 Leicestershire, Arundei (4) 18 Middlesex, Arundel (1.NL) 21 Derbyshire, Derby (4) 25 Nottinghamsnire, Cleethorpes CC (1.NL)

22 Somerset, Tounton (1,NL) 24 Hampshire, Portsmouth (4) 29 Northamptonshire, Hove (1,NL) September
1 Essex, Eastbourne (4)
6 Surrey, The Foster's Oxal (1,NL)
(Flooditi)

May
3 Hampshire, Southampton (1,NL)
10 World Cup warm up match: West Indies,
Edgbaston (1)
11 World Cup warm up match: Zimbabwe, Edg-baston (1) 11 Waters and (1)
14 Derbyshire, Edgbaston (4)
19 Worcestershire, Edgbaston (4)
23 Kent, Edgbaston (1,NL)
25 Oxford Linkershy, The Parks (3)
31 Essex, Edgbaston (1,NL)

26 Leicesrershire. Leicester (1) (Reserve days Sun 27 June and Man 28 June) 30 Kent, Maidstone (4)

July 4 Kent. Maldstone (1,NL) (Floodiit)
21 Surrey, Edgbaston (4)
25 Gloucestershire, Cheltenham (1,NL)

31 Goucestersirie, Edgoston (1 (Floodit) Septamber 2 Gloucestershire, Edgoston (4) 8 Durham, Rherside Ground (4) 12 Yorkshire, Headingley (1 ML) 15 Sussex, Edgoston (4) 19 Hampshire, Edgoston (1, NL)

\*\*rorcester (1)
14 Hampshire, Southampton (4)
15 Wansickshire, Edgaston (4)
23 Lancashire, Old Tariford (1,NL)
26 Gamorgan, Wortester (4)
31 Gloucestershire, Glourester (4)

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6 Kent, Tunbridge Wells (1,NL)
9 Tour match New Zealand, Wordester |4|
(Only played If NZ not in Super Six stage of World
Cap.) 15 Somerset, Worcester (4) 19 Gloucestershire, Worcester (1.NL) 23 Qualifier (1. NWT)

(Floodiit)
22 Leicestershire, Worcester (4) August
1 Kent, Worcester (7,NL)

3 Worcestershire, Worcester (1,NL)

12 storte Cup warm up that 1.5 borough (1)
14 Middlesex, Headingle, (4)
19 Essex, Chelmsford (1, M.)
27 Durham, Headingley (4)
51 Hampshire, Headingley (1, NL)
June

29 Northamptonshire, Scarborough (4) 25 Kent. Scarborough (1.NL) August
4 Worcestershire, Headingley (4)
8 Worcestershire, Headingley (1,NL)
12 Lancashire, Headingley (1,NL) (Floodik) 17 Lancashire, Old Trafford (1,NL) (Floodiir)
19 Lancashire, Old Trafford (4)
24 Nottinghamshire, Trent Bridge (4)
29 Kent, Canterbury (1,NL)

September
1 Surrey, The Fester's Oval (4)
8 Sussex, Hove (4)
12 Sussex, Hove (1,ML)
13 Essex, Trent Bridge (4)
19 Durham, Trent Bridge (1,ML)

Jane Samere Leneste (1967)
Jane
2 Glamorgan, Leicester (4)
6 Warwickshire, Leicester (1,NL)
9 Surrey, Leicester (4)
13 Gloucestershire, Bristol (1,NL)
15 Hampshire, Southampton (4)
19 Hampshire, Southampton (1,NL) 26 Warwickshire, Leicester (1) (Reserve days Sun 27 June and Mon 28 June) 29 Yorkshire, Leicester (1,NL) (Floodili) Udv

(Floodik) 22 Worcestershire, Worcester (4) 30 Tour match New Zealand, Leicester (4) (Versus Worwicks If Leics in Super Cup Findi)

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SOMERSET April 15 Cambridge University, Fenner's (3) 19 Warwickshire, Edgbaston (4) 24 Durham, Taunton (1,NL) 29 Yorkshire, Taunton (4)

May I World Cop warm up match: Kenya World Cop warm up match: 12 World Cap warm up
Tamton (1)
14 Nothinghamshire, Trent Bridge (4)
19 Lekestershire, Taunton (4)
23 Surrey, Taunton (1,NL)
26 Surrey, The Foster's Oval (4)
31 Nothinghamshire, Trent Bridge (1,8)

31 Northignamswe, Well of loggery
Jame
2 Durham, Riverside Ground (4)
6 Durham, Riverside Ground (1,NL)
9 Gloucestershire, Bath (4)
13 Nottinghamshire, Bath (4)
15 Wortestershire, Wortester (4)
15 Derbyshire, Jaunton (1,NL)
23 Qualifier (1, NWT)
25 Tour match New Zealand, Taunton
5 sinces, Taunton (4) July 9 Derbyshire, Derby (4) 18 Surrey, Guildford (1.NL) 21 Middlesex, Taunton (4) 25 Middlesex, Taunton (1.NL)

25 Middlesex, Taunton (1.NL)
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A Northamptonshire, Northampton (4)
8 Middlesex, Southgate (1.NL)
10 Susset, Hone (1.NL)
11 Susset, Hone (1.NL)
15 Sher match Sri Lanka A, Taunton (1)
Hersus Susset if Someract in NWT Senti Final
18 Kent, Taunton (4)
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24 Essex, Chelmsford (4)
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# New rules to cut National deaths Hanner holds key

BY RICHARD EDMONDSON

THERE WILL probably never be another Grand National as murderous as the disturbing spectacle we witnessed on 4 April this year.

On that day, just six of the 37 horses which embarked over the marshy terrain came back through the rains to the sanctuary of the finishing line.

Earth Summit suggested that both his skeleton and resolve were made of steel as he ploughed home in a time over two minutes slower than Mr Frisk had accomplished in victory eight years earlier. But for three horses there was no return. Griffins Bar. Pashto and Do Rightly perished on that bleak Merseyside afternoon.

It was the sort of toll that made the Aintree executive grimace almost as much as those that are opposed to the National being run at all. It is a toll that the organisers hope never to see again.

In the wake of a Grand National report several measures were announced yesterday in an effort to make the old race a little safer for its participants. It was a fact that none of this year's fatalities could be described as the fastest horse in the world and from here on the ability of all entrants will be screened.

A panel of experts is to report to the Jockey Club if they consider a horse is not suitable to run, regardless of other criteria being filled. In addition, all horses will undergo a pre-race veterinary inspection

Poor Griffins Bar fell twice at the meeting this year: at the second fence in the John Hughes Trophy on the Thursday and, fatally, at the fifth in the big one. The John Hughes now swaps places with the Foxhunters and will be run on the Friday, but even so there will never be another Griffins Bar. Any horse that runs after the five-day declaration stage is may be at least partially aware automatically withdrawn from

the National. Another worrying postscript to this year's race was the made available at Middleham, criticism of the state of the Lambourn and Newmarket.



Summit return: The Grand National winner Earth Summit is put through his paces yesterday in preparation for Aintree on Saturday

Julian Herbert/Allsport

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**WETHERBY** 

Going: Good

the National, Jenny Pitman. She complained that the Liverpool turf was repaired improperly and too late after the Friday card, In response, Aintree will next year ensure the ground is in perfect condition by first light on National morn-

ing, 10 April. By then, many of the runners of the task ahead as schooling fences of National design (but not full dimensions) are to be

will be available over the three days of next year's meeting. The National itself will carry a minimum value of £420,000, over £180,000 of which will go to the winning owner. Earth Summit begins his

programme for the season at Liverpool on Saturday and may well meet the Irish National winner, Bobbyjo, in the Becher Chase over the National fences. The 10-year-old was paraded before the nation's press yesterday at the Grange Hill

Stables of Nigel Twiston-Davies

erpool 1999.

The trainer believes his geld- the blinkers on, because he ing could become a race specialist, like Red Rum, as long as he does not harbour too many bad memories from earlier this year. "He could be an Aintree goes back to Aintree again. specialist because of the extreme distance," Twiston-Davies said. "There are no other four-and-a-half-mile races.

"My only worry is that he is very cute and a slight reservation is that the fences might frighten him this time. In the old days he was getting beaten

gun on their promotion for Liv- round Perth and places in bad absence let in Carl Llewellyn novice chases, before we put earlier this year. He represents a training partnership of was getting frightened. Blink-Twiston-Davies and the retired ers made a man of him, but it champion jockey, Peter Scudmay not last for ever, and it will amore. "I'm the Roy Evans to be interesting to see when he his Gérard Houllier," Scu said

yesterday. "It's not done by "The fences are that much bigger than anywhere else and if he didn't enjoy the experience he might not try so hard the next time. Having said that, it looked like the more be jumped the better he got when he won." Earth Summit is to be reunited with Tom Jenks, whose

"Earth Summit is slow." he says. "But you know what they say: fast horses and fast women do you no good. "This horse loves the atten-

brings him. But he's not committee, and anyone who human, and if he comes over knows Nigel will find that easy now he'll play around with you to believe. He's in charge." until he finds out you haven't Scudamore acknowledges however that even his childgot anything for him and then hood chum has been eclipsed move on." Which proves that in importance at the yard by a the horse does indeed have horse who hardly sparkles on some human characteristics

to the big prizes

THE ENTIRE shape of the antepost markets on some of the National Hunt season's major steeplechases could change dramatically after the running of the Edward Hanner Memorial Chase at Haydock today.

All six combatants are prominent players in one or more of the three major jump races: the Cheltenham Gold Cup, the Hennessy Gold Cup or the Grand National.

In the Hennessy, Suny Bay. The Grey Monk and Mahler are all 14-1 chances with Coral, be hind the 100-30 favourite Teeton Mill In the Cheltenham Gold Cup, the same firm make See More Business, well backed 10

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Go Britannia (Hereford 3.00) NB: Valedictory (Haydock 3.55)

days ágo, an 8-1 chance. Escartefigue is 10-1, Suny Bay 20-1, The Grey Monk 25-1, Mahler 33-1 and Strath Royal

In the Grand National, Suny Bay runner-up for the last two years, is 25-1 to go one better. The Grey Monk, Strath Royal and Mahler are 40-1 chances. while Escartefigue is 33-1 for

the big race. "This is one of the hottest pre-Christmas steeplechases we have seen this decade, and will undoubtedly have a significant bearing on major ante-post markets," Simon Clare,

Coral's spokesman, said . Doubts grew vesterday over whether Cyfor Malta will run in the Hennessy Gold Cup on 28 November. After his Cheltenham win on Saturday the ex-French gelding, trained by Martin Pipe, had been chalked in as one of the favourites for the Newbury prize. But Ladbrokes and Hills both made him 3-1 "with a run" last night. Coral believe Cyfor Malta is a; doubtful participant.

### course by a great champion of Over £1m in prize-money as Martell shot the starting **Punters rally to Raleagh Native**

among those shortened in the betting yesterday for Saturday's First National Bank Chase as the Ascot turf continued to dry out.

Kim Bailey's lightly-raced ex-Irish point-to-pointer looked a useful recruit to chasing when winning at Market Rasen a year ago, when trained by Charlie Brooks. The five-yearold limbered up for Saturday

RALEAGH NATIVE was hurdle at Worcester four weeks his Epsom-trained rival, Chief's ago. He is 7-1, from 10-1, with William Hill.

The chase track at Ascot was

officially described yesterday as Good, Good to Soft in places". With no significant rain forecast before the weekend, the going could turn out to be unsuitable for mud-lovers.

Dontleavethenest is now Hills' 5-2 favourite. Trained in alton, Surrey, by Roger with a 19-length win in a novice Curtis, the eight-year-old beat and would not want it too fast."

Song, by three lengths at Ascot three weeks ago. Listen Timmy is due to

make his seasonal debut in the Ascot race. Steve Brookshaw's gelding won three novice chases at Uttoxeter last season. Brookshaw said: "He's done alright over the summer but we would have liked to have got a race into him. He'll come on for he run. He's won on soft going

SATURDAY'S BIG-RACE CARD

FIRST NATIONAL BANK GOLD CUP HANDI-CAP CHASE (A) \$45,000 2m 3f 110vds CAP CHASE (A) £45,000 2m 3f 110yds 

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#### the gallops. FIRST SHOW

Haydock 2.50 1.10: (2m novice hurdle, 3yo) 1. PANAMA HOUSE ....L Wyer 13-8 Fav Aleo: 11-4 Errigal (4th), 9-1 Sip Venture, 20-1 Disco Tex (6th), 20-1 Major Ballaby (5th), 20-1 Suggest, 33-1 Begent Fan, 33-1 Jago (unseated rider). 10 ram, 4, 3, sh-hd, 12. 1/h. (winner cliestnut colt by Rudimentary out of Lustrous, for T Easterby, at Melton, trained by P England). Totle: wn £240 places £120, £190, £220 [Qual 141 141 141 161 141

I. MASTER WOOD\_\_C McCormack 7-1 Also: 8-11 Fev Pacidys Return (fell), 16-1 Sister Gala (brought down), 50-1 Chief Chippie (pulled up), 66-1 Yelaca Prince (fell). 6 ram, won by a neck, (winner bay gelding by Wonderful Surprise out of Miss Wood, trained by C Grant, at Billingham, for Roy Robinson), Tota: win £750 places £210 £00.

2.10: (2m#f conditionals' handicap hurdle) DAN DE MAN .....T Siddell 10-1
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 Diddy Rymer ......S Durack 8-2 Fav Also: 5-1 Canton Venture, 5-1 Wynyard Lady (4th), 11-2 Jeleii (5th), 14-1 Barristers Boy (pulled up), 16-1 Leap in The Dark, 20-1 Be Brave (6th), 25-1 Mademist Sam, 50-1 Double Dash.

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er Straight Forecast: E86.33. Tricast: £322.48. 2.40: (2m limited handicap) Also: 11-10 Fev Cumbrian Challenge (4th).

Jackpot: £15,600.50 - part won, pool of £15,380.82 to Haydock today. Placepot: £71.80, Gundpot: £18.70.

Place 6; £13591 Place 5; £3048.

4 ran 21:, 11/-, sh-hd, twinner bay gelding by Ardross out of Deep Line, trained by J

Howard Johnson, at Crook, for Mrs M W Bird). Tote, win \$880, Duel Forecast: \$350, Com-

■ Remainder of the meeting abandoned due to thick fog.

**NEWTON ABBOT** 

1.00: 1. RED EBREL (W Marston) 11-8 lav. 2. Roy Boy 9-1, 3. Fearless Wonder 33-1. 9 ran. 2 1/2 (D Wintle, Westbury-on-Severn). Tota: \$160, \$100, \$170, \$560, DF: \$300, CSF £12.48. No bid for the winner 1.30: 1. COLLIER BAY (M A Fizzgerald) 1-3 fax: 2. Distant Echo 11-2. 3. Kingstotd Pet 11-2 a ran. 11-3, 30 (J. Od, Wroughton). Tota: C130. DF E220 CSF. E250 2.00: 1. NATIVE FIELD (J Moglord) 9-4. Jt fav: 2. Shadirwan 9-1; 3. Aavasakas 5-1 5 ms. 9-4 Ji tav Name of Our Father (4th. 2/s, 1, 10 Winte, Westbury-on-Severn) Totos 1200; C150, 2450, DF 1250, CSF 17555 2,30; 1. MISTER BLAKE (R. Johnson) 5-2; 2. Glgl Beach 9-4 tav; 3. Folly Road 11-2 8 ran, 8, nk. (R Lee, Prestagne), Tota; \$250; E120, C140, E160, DF: £430, CSF: £851, Th-cast: C2532 3.00: 1, NATIVE FLING (R Durwoody) 4-9 fav. 2. Nakhad 16-1: 3. Petuntse 15-1, 5 mm

1.27 (P Hobbs, Minchead) Total: £140, £100 £700, Dual Forecast: £450 CSF £309 3.38: 1. ORIENTAL BOY (R Johnson) 11-4 tar, 2. Just Jasmine 7-1; 3. Divine Ch tar; 2. Just, Jasenthie 7-1; 3. Divine Chance 20-1 12 ran. 4, 18; ff. Lee, Prostregne; Tota: 2350: 5170: 5210: 5650. DF: 52090. CSF-5974: Treast: 5300.36 4.00: 1. GUNNERBUONG (Sophie Mitchell 20-1; 2. Beau 9-1; 2. Forest Thyne; 10-1; 15 ran. 2-1 fav Molly Faz Lad (SVI), 17., 7. (D Gandalta, Warriage): Tota: 56700, 57550, 5200, 5370: DF: 53390. CSF, 57625, Non Americ Poternetic Thins.

Runner: Optimistic Thinker Place 6: £1051 Place 5: £530 LINGFIELD

Going: Standard 12.20: 1. FAHS (Mr D H Dunsdon) 9-2; 2. Roman Reel 7-1; 3. Evezio Rufo 4-1 fav; 4. General Giow 16-1. 17 ran. 3/s, 6; (6 Lawls), Tote: £490; £170; £240, £10; £350. DF: £2300 CSF: £3142. Tricast: £13168. Non

Runner: Lance's Pet. 12.50: 1. GLASTONBURY (W Ryan) 4-1: 2. Miss Take 20-1; 3. Codar Wells 7-2, 10 ran. 2-1 tav Magic Memones. 3½, ½ (M Charnon). Tota: £6.40; £1.40, £3.30, £1.60. DF. £58.50, CSF: £75.31. Winner sold for 5.200 guineas to P Howing. 1.20: 1. 00 EE BE (Dean McKeown) 33-1:

phyl. Tota: 22130, 2530, 2220, 2220, Dual Forecas: £72.00, CSF: £154.94, Tricast: £672.65, 1.50: 1. TOM TUN (T Wilams) 13-2: 2. South-ern Dominion 12-1; 3. Top of The Form 8-2. 10 ran. 3-1 fav Friendy Brave (4th), 3. %

American Service (1998) 1998 (1997) 1998 (1997) 1999 (1998) 1999 ( ners: Dixt, Master Lodge. 2.50: 1. TOTOM (W Ryan) 13-2; 2. Ethebuib 5-6 fav; 3. Kings Arrow 20-1 10 ran. 11/4, 7. (Lord Huntingdon), Tota: £590; £130 £120, £380. Dual Forecast: £450. CSF: £12.24 E380. Dual Forecast: \$450. CSF: £12.44 3.20: 1. Big BEN (Dane O'Nell) 5-1: 2. Kass Alhames 5-1: 3. Topton 15-5 fax 12 ran. nh. 1½. (R. Hannon). Tota: £650: £180: £160 £150. DF: £1780. CSF: £2731. Theast: £6207. 3.50: 1. SHADES OF LOVE (C. Runer) 5-1: 2. Be My Wish 7-2: 3. Mr Speaker 3-1 fav 10 ran. ½. 9. (V. Soare). Tota: £700: £260. £150. £270. DF: £310. CSF: £2218. Tricast: £58.21 Non Runner: Rolsm Splendour Placepot: £21500. Quadpot: £2760 Place 6: £79.92. Place 5: £43.70.

■ Collier Bay succeeded in a winning his first steeplechase yesterday, but the former Champion Hurdler made very hard work of beating moderate opposition in a novice chase at Newton Abbot. Jim Old's eightyear-old lifted the Cheltenham hurdling crown in 1996 but bad not scored for 21 months and seemed a shadow of his former self with an uninspiring length and three-quarters call over Distant Echo. Old said: "He's had a lot of hard races and I think we may need to rekindle that old flame. His jumping is brilliant so it's not that, and it's not the course as he won a novices' hurdle here, so I'm lost for words."

Master Wood got the better of a long tussle with Scotton Green to prevail by a neck in the Coolmore Stud Novice Chase at Wetherby. The hot favourite. Paddy's Return, escaped unhurt after crashing at the open ditch down the back straight.

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2.20 ST HELENS HANDICAP HUROLE (CLASS D) 23,750 added 2m 7f 110yds Penalty Value 52,773 

FORM GUIDE Smith Too: In good form in the early part of last season when he won 3 handicap hurdles and a chase at distances up to 37km. Amateur ridden here, so this may be a

ppe-operary Bann View: ideally suited by give in the ground and won twice over hundles list sea-son over 2m 5f and 2m. Has quire a tough task at the weights on her seasonal reappearance
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new yard. Has raced mainly at ensured 2m, but days faither and ran in thish point-topoints last year finished 2nd once from 3 runs).

Palace Of Gold: Consistent and would have won 3 times from 7 outrings last season
if he had not been dequalified at Cattends in December Ran as if the race was badly
needed on his reappearance at Ketso last month
Woodstock Wanderer Was having his 1th outling of the season when writing at Wincantion last month. Tables this timp for the first time, but stays 2m 6f.
Manaelis: Has not taken to fences and feel at the 7th at Humangdon last week. Winner
of a Warwick nowco hande last year he looks out of his depth.

Topotthenorithmicing: Stays 3m and won over that trip last season. Testing going bund
her out on her reappearance last month, but she kept on well when 2nd to Cathedral
Belle of Septifield (good to soft) last week.

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VERDICT: A case can be made out for atmost all of the eight numers, so the value could be SAUCY NUM even though site as a long way out of the handcap. Successful more times on fast ground test season, the seems even better with some out in the ground this autumn and capable claimer Lean Cummers takes 5th of their back.

#### 2.50 EDWARD HANMER MEMORIAL (LIMITED HAND-ICAP) CHASE (CLASS A) 240,000 added 3m Penalty Value £25,240

1997 Surry Bay # 2 G Brackey 10 ? (C Brooks 10 rain

FORM GUIDE

See More Business: Finished 3rd to Suny Bay in this race last year before landing the Rehearsal Chase the King George, and the Pittar Properties Chase at Chetarsham. Carried out in the Gold Cup: he is prone to jumping errors but acts on soft ground Sumy Bay: Meets See More Business on democal terms to last year when he was huggly impressive in winning this race before scoring in the Hernessy. Rounded off the senson with a brave second in the Grand National and will be very hard to beat fiscantiningue: Mode a very good start to cheang lest season cultimating in a defeat of Smith Daching. The Grey Monik, and Derans Pride at Amtree. He reportedly need-ed the nun at Wetherby on his reappearance. The softer the ground the better. The Grey Menic Boat Rough Quest over this course and distance list. December

and won the Siver Trophy Chase at Cheberham in April Beaten 34 lengths by Escarte-lique at Amtree but meets that mad on 8to better terms. Stratti Royal: A tough and consistent performer who beat Murphy's Gold Cup sec-end Simply Deshing and Escartelique in the Charlie Hall Chase at Westerby last time. Meets Escartefigue on 75 better terms here and may well confirm the form Mahler: Developed into a leading novice last year and won the Heneson Gold Cup at the Punchscown Festinal (2011), heavy 1 Pidde up on his return at Wincanton He is preferreally top-class but is likely to need another couple of runs before peaking

VERDICT: Escartolique has been hyped up to the limit, but his best form - second to the inexpenenced Florida Pearl at the Chelhanham lestwal and a defeat of leg-weary wasts at Ambree - is not a patch on that of SUNY BAY. The top-class gray had a nighted preparation before this stang 5th in the Gold Cup and their produced the weight carrying performance of the seasons when 2nd in the Grand National. He was under a cloud when beaten by See More Business in the King George but should confirm the form of his with here 12 months aga. Maihler is worth keeping an eye on he will improve as the season goes on and may be a leading Airtime con-lender after Christman.

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3.20 NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS POLICE MARES NOVICE HUR-DLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m Penalty Value £2,773 

- 10 declared -SETTING: 5-4 Secca's Hose, 9-4 Heart, 8-1 Wee Armie, 12-1 Moscow Maid, 25-1 Joil 122y, Mill Orchid, 33-1 others 1997. HB Farm Blues 4 10 7 D Bridgweiger 16-1 (W Brisbourne) 14 ran

FORM GUIDE Heart: Won a weak nowces' hurdle at Stratford (2m, soft) on her reappearance but taces a smilar test here. Has plenty of expenence over hurdles and should go close Becca's Rose: Was a cosy winner of a Cartisle bumper (2m11, soft) last time hav-

ang been bought for 25,000 gms in May Préviously won three out of four races in Inshiport, tan points and will take a for of bearing on her hunding debut.

Last tary: Was a poor heindicapper on the Flat and managed to be placed once when that over a mile at Warwick in June. May be better over hundles.

Kithygale: Finished wet behind Blue tech in a maiden chase at Navan on her only start last season. Revers to hundles here but is unifiedly to show much improvement. Seet and seed in newer is or authors need out in the policy in an interest in the content in the content in the light of the content in the first but was well below form recently and finished taled off behind Symponds Irm here on her furding debut I2m, soft). Merry Christmass: Finished taled off on both her starts over hurdes last season. Mill Orchid: A poor magien on the Flat for Jack Berry She looks fiely to be the

w Maid: Reportedly failed to stay 2m4! when well beaten at Leicester on Mon-

Monitor Medit: Helporisory suera to stay 2m4 when wen peater at Lecopser on expriday, but had a hard race and faces an uphil task here
Wee Annie: Finished a fair 3rd in a Down Royal bumper (2m, soft) on her latest start
and is worth keeping an eye on in the betting
Whats Money: Steadily improved in point to points last soason, eventually being
beaten just 5i into 4th at Weston Park. She has much more on her plate here VERDICT: Two horses stand out head and shoulders above the rest here. BECCA'S ROSE put up a very decent performance when wearing a bumper at Cartisle and given that she has won point to points in reland, her jumping should be sound. She gets the vote over Heart, who also has plently of experience over hundes. Of the remainder. Wee Annie appeals as a good each-way shot:

### 3.55 HINDLEY GREEN HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) 25,500 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £3,701

- 8 declared -BETTING: 7-4 Fedalico, 3-1 Out Ranking, Valedictory, 11-2 Saint Clei, 8-1 Key Grip, 14-1 Berton

1997. Thrower & 10 C Maude 9-4 (S Brookshaw) & ran FORM GUIDE

Our Ranking: Reverts to 2m4! having won each of her last four races over 2m. She was all out to best Eusive Star at Stratford (good) last time and she now appears to have plenty of weight to have plenty of weight radios over hurdes at Auteul in March (2m2) heavy) and clearly demands pienty of respect Senton Ward: A decent name hurder I nt novice hurder Iwo secours ago, wining twice at Uttoweter

search water, a become remote that search and consider and water at utilized and finesting second to Cotal Cup wither Big Strand here on his bas start. Likely to need the run but well worth keeping an eye on for next time. Yaladictiony: Transed on the Flat by Henry Ceol, he won a handicap hundle costly at Carisle (2m11, soft) last week but stays 2m41 well and should be able to overcome Saint Clei: A real course specialist who notched his 6th win here last time (2m, soft)

when beating Ballad Ministrel a neck. He has noted many around an and there is a question mark over whether he will get the extra half ride. He need from the will get the extra half ride. Key Grip: Only just lasted home in a linee-number race over this trip here last time softly when beating No More Hassis have and a half lengthe. There has to be a doubt about him stepring this trip in a more competitive race.

Solution staying the cream a more competitive race.

VERDICT: A trappy little contest in which doubts surround the stamma of both Selfit Clei and Key Cirlp. Our Ranking is a tough and consistent hunder, but is fairly high in the handcap and her tendency to jump to the right is a drawback on this sharp, left-handed course. Beating hands is Beely to need this first run after a long lay-off, Revises Factalitio, an interesting newcomer from a yard barry in form is having her first race since March. Therefore the preference is for VALEDICTORY, a proven stayer who won well at Cartisle and can defy his penalty.

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# Wood gives in for love of green shirt

CEITH WOOD may not be overyed at the prospect of spend-ing the next 12 months at the beck and call of the Irish Rugby Football Union's promotions department, especially as they could theoretically ask him to open every new supermarket between Carrickfergus and Castlegregory for the princely sum of £5,000.

But the lure of the green shirt is stronger than any point of principle, it appears. Everyone's favourite hooker was expected to make his peace with the governing body by

#### RUGBY UNION

By Chris Hewett

applying his thumb print to the union's controversial international contract last night before training with the squad in County Wicklow today.

Wood had originally refused to have anything to do with the deal, claiming it represented an infringement of his "intellectual property rights" - fine words indeed for a front-row forward. His stance was both high-profile and solitary - the rest of the

omitted from his country's 26man party for the World Cup qualifiers with Romania and Georgia, losing the captaincy to Paddy Johns in the process.

However, a shoulder injury suffered by Alan Quinlan, the vacancy in the squad, hence on the training field at Greystones RFC this morning. He thanks to Ross Nesdale's dodgy hamstring, but whatever the

paper - and as a result he was Road this weekend, he will almost certainly be on parade for the Grand Slam-chasing Springboks at the same venue in 11 days' time.

World Cup qualifying business resumes tonight in both Dublin, where the Romanians Munster flanker, has created a and Georgians contest one automatic place in next year's Wood's scheduled appearance finals, and in Huddersfield, where Italy and the Netherlands do something similar, may yet face the Romanians, presumably in front of a nonexistent audience.

Italy intend to field eight of

Irish squad duly put pen to role he plays at Lansdowne the side that out-muscled may be sitting this one out, but day. Chris Latham of Queens- laby scrummage will be of Argentina in Piacenza earlier this month, including Massimo Giovanelli, their experienced flanker and captain, and the two half-backs, Alessandro Troncon and Diego Dominguez.

Georges Coste's side may not break the three-figure barrier, as those vindictive English builies did last weekend, but they will still be far too handy for a Dutch team who must now be wondering whether rugby is such a great game after all. The likes of Paulo Vaccari, Marcello Cuttitta and Valter Cristofoletto

any side able to introduce so accomplished a full-back as Matthew Pini, the former Wallaby Test cap who now plays his rugby at Richmond and qualifies for the Azzuri through Italian grandparents, can expect a comfortable evening's stroll at the McAlpine Stadium.

Talking of Wallabies, the current batch of Australian tourists will be asking great things of a heavily remodelled back division when they go toe to toe with France, the European champions, in Paris on Satur-

back in place of the injured Matt Burke while Nathan Grey, the New South Wales centre, fills the midfield gap left by the indisposed Tim Horan. Ben Tune's absence from the right wing gives Jason Little, a World Cup winner in 1991, another run

in the No 14 shirt. But from an English point of view - the red roses meet the Australians in something of a grudge match at Twickenham on Saturday week - the addition of Patricio Noriega to the Wal-

land earns a first cap at full- greater interest, not to say concern, than the developments

Noriega was an influential member of an Argentinian front row that fairly murdered Brian Moore and company during a World Cup pool match in Durban in 1995. Now that he has hoovered up a few Super 12 ball skills and an Australian passport to go with his brute strength, he may prove as sound a Wallaby acquisition as his countryman, Enrique Rodriguez, a decade and a half ago.



Jacob Rauluni, the Fiji scrum-half, passes out unhindered yesterday against Cambridge University. His side compiled their third successive comprehensive victory of their short tour

### Fiji's speed and bulk overwhelm students

THE FIJIANS are here acclimatising themselves in readiness for next year's Rugby World Cup. It is doubtful they will encounter conditions when hey play their group matches in France such as vesterday's at Grange Road. It was a chill, dank day that grew foggier by the minute. That they ran out such convincing winners over a patchy Cambridge University

side did them credit. Their coach, Brad John-Black prop, explained: "The

By David Llewellyn

Cambridge University

there are 34 degrees Celsius drops to 28 degrees."

were soon burning their way over the Cambridge line. They passed the half-century mark in the opening game of their eightmatch tour against Penzance Blues to have conceded only one more point and to have scored one try more than the

The tour was to have finished with a match against a World XV they pull on their coats when it in aid of Will Carling's testimonial; that little money-spinner Shivering or not the Fijians has been replaced by a game against Leicester.

While Johnstone admitted he would have liked an international thrown in somewhere the Fiji manager, Meli stone, the burly former All and Newlyn. Last week they Kurisaru, was happy to have a stuck 48 on Oxford. No doubt it less demanding tour. They araverage temperatures over will have pleased the Light rived here without half a dozen it. They appointed Johnstone,

tracted to various clubs around 1979 All Blacks, to take charge the world. Waisale Serevi. for example, is currently in France.

"It is an opportunity to bring in six newcomers." Kurisaru explained. "We want them to get acclimatised to night games, the conditions and so on. But in the future perhaps we would like to attempt a Grand Slam tour like the South Africans."

After failing to reach the decided to do something about rugby at 15s."

of the national team and development of the game.

The rewards are now being reaped four years on with qualification for next year's final stages. But it has not been easy for him. "It was a great war with the Sevens people to procure the players." he explained, "Until last year they had precedence when it came to selection and Sevens players finals of the last World Cup they were barred from playing Test

and next year Johnstone will have first pick. Ken Iwabuchi, the Japan

international stand-off playing out of position at full-back, did himself no favours (despite scoring a try) and appeared to be something of a liability whenever the Fijians thundered at him. In the case of Joeli Veitayaki he could be forgiven. The tight-head prop frequently used his near-21st bulk to bash his way through.

first choices who are all con- who toured with the 1978 and completed all that has changed line - where they hid the JCB stand-off. The meeting with no one knows - but in the end Leicester on 3 December his weight prevailed as he should be worth watching. scored one of his side's six tries.

Centre Mark Denney, scrum-half Greg Peacocke and No 8 Henry Whitford shone for the Light Blues, and the front five were no pushover, but they were no match for the Fijians. The tourists' backs were

bursting with power and pace - Waisake Tuisese looked particularly tasty - and both wings proved their class with a brace

Cambridge University: Tries Bidwell Buoy: Penalty Moran, Fiji: Tries Tiko

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H Whatford, M Haslett Replacements: N Buoy for Iwabuth! 45. F Mouton for Haslett, 57. FUI: W Tursese, I Tikomamakogai, V Satola, E Tulsese, F Lasagawbau, N Little, J Rautim: D Rouse, G Smith (capt). J Vertayah, E Katalau, A Noevo, T Buttanavula, K Sewabu, S Tawake, Replacements: M Taga for Rouse, 46; I Tawake for Naevo, 60; Rasila for Smith, 62: A Number of Section 1989.

### **KEMPTON**

1.05 Briggs Turn 1.40 Bright November 2.10 Tax Exempt 2.40 Mr Strong Gale 3.10 Volunteer 3.45 Sulawesi

■ Right-hand course. Practically flat. Run-In of 200yd.
■ Racecourse is on A308 at Sumbury. Kempton Park railway station adjoins the course. ADMISSION: Club £14 (16 to 25-year-olds £8), Grandstand & Paddock £10; Silver Ring £5. CAR PARK: Members £2; remainder, free. FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

GOING: Good to Soft (Good in places on hurdles course).

■ LEADING TRAINERS: D Nicholson 19-86 (288%), R Ainer 14-40 (35%), N Henderson 10-65 (154%), K Bailey 9-45 (20%), ■ LEADING JOCKEYS: J Osborne 22-70 (314%), A Maguire 20-78 (256%), R Dunwoody 19-95 (20%), M A Fitzgerald 19-110

(173%), FAYOURITES, 119-283 (42%), LONG DISTANCE TRAVELLER: Briggs Turn (105) has been sem 235 miles. BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None.

1.05 RACING FOR GAIN CONDITIONALS NOVICES H'CAP H'DLE (E) £3,000 2m 

**HEREFORD** 

1.00 Fuero Real 1.30 Odell 2.00 Desert Power

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FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

#LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 36-96 (887%), N Twiston-Devise 22-98 (224%), P Hobbs 12-61 (187%), K Belley 11-51 (18%). #LEADING JOCKEYS. A P McCoy 29-96 (302%), C Llewellyn 29-97 (237%), C Maude 11-43 (255%), R Dunwoody 11-44 (25%).

3.30 Clinton 4.00 Everything's Rosy

Right-hand course with 300yd run-in.

GOING: Good

iesen 90 (60). BETTING: 3-1 Briggs Turn, 6-1 Reke Hey, Noble Athlete, 7-1 Titree Weeks, 8-1 Doctor Bravious, 10-1 Happy Machum, North Of Kala, 12-1 others FORM VERDICT

An uncompetitive affair. NOBLE ATHLETE has the ability to win at this level and shaped well enough on his reappearance to suggest that his turn is near at hand. Briggs Turn has claims, but there are reasons for opposing most of the others.

1.40 'BOOK NOW FOR BOXING DAY-01372 470047' NOVICE CHASE (D) £5,000 2m 

BETTRIC: 3-1 Bright November, 4-1 Hoh Express, 9-2 Mountain Storm, 6-1 Native Player, 7-1 Ster Rage, Feniaron, 10-1 North Killsteny, 20-1 others

FORM VERDICT

Star Rage is the clear pick on hurdles form, but his first at-tempt over tences was at best satisfactory. This opposition

- 8 declared -BETTING: 5-4 Jet Specials, 3-1 Tex Exempt, 5-1 Just Good Fun, 8-1 Play-lord, 10-1 Little Miller, Guard Of Honoux, Party Leader, 65-1 Trenty Bucks FORM VERDICT

may be weaker and he can be expected to improve for the outling/experience but eight experience.

outing/experience, but slight preference is for the well-regarded chasing newcomer MOUNTAIN STORM, whose stable sent out Stormyferweather to make an impressive start over tences at Chaltenham at the weekend.

2.10 EBF 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFIER) (D) £4,000 added 2m

Little to go on in the way of hurdles form, but JET SPECIALS ran well enough on his debut over timber to indicate that he is capable of taking a race like this. He could have too much pace for Tax Exempt and Playford.

2.40 LIMBER HILL (LIMITED HANDICAP) CHASE (CLASS B) £7,000 2m 4f 110yds 

- 5 declared -BETTING: 4-5 let Strong Gale, 3-1 Shining Light, 6-1 Old Bridge, 13-2 Garmein, 10-1 Camitrov

FORM VERDICT

Mr Strong Gale will be opposable at Skely short odds if the ground remains on the soft side. There are question-marks against the well-being of the top three and SHINING LIGHT, though fully exposed, looks the value bet

3.10 BEDFONT NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) 25,000 added 3m

1 50-61 YOLUNTEER (154) (C) (D) R OSulivan 6 11 6 ... A Rizgerald 3 3063P- BRANKSHAW WOOD (217) R Alner 6 11 0 ... ... A Thornton 5 192- BISHGEN (14) M Bradstock 6 17 0 ... ... J Dathorne 4 RES-U FOX RIDGE (NZ) (25) Mes 5 Edwards 6 11 0 ... ... J Dathorne 5 14FO/ LAYSTON D'OR (853) (D) J Tuck 9 11 0 ... ... R betlarry 6 33332- STRONG PALLADIN (231) T Casey 7 11 0 ... ... T J Murphy 7 1U433- TAKE MY SIDE (169) (D) M J Roberts 6 11 0 ... ... J Thornton 8 / 2320- ZANDER (204) N Twiston-Daves 6 11 0 ... ... J Goldstein (5) - 8 declared - BETTING: 5-2 Eishkan, 3-1 Strong Patrolin, 9-2 Take My Side, 6-1 Volunteer, 7-1 Zander, 12-1 Fox Ridge, Bramshew Wood, 33-1 Layston D'or

FORM VERDICT

Oute an interesting affair, in which ZANDER makes plenty of appeal. The pick of these over hundles, he showed plenty of aptitude on his first attempt over lences and has gone woll fresh in the past. Eishken could be the one to best.

3.45 CHRISTMAS AT KEMPTON' HANDICAP HURDLE (D) 25,000 added 2m 5f 

FORM VERDICT

With Royal Piper a law unto himself, this is a virtual match COH SHO NO has taken well to this game and her trailblazing tactics could have more exposed Sulawesi in trouble.

**FORM VERDICT** 

GO BRITANNIA, once a far stayer on the Flat, ran his best race over hundles last week when a clear tired at Huntingdon and is given the chance to show he is a reformed character over hundles. The danger looks to be May Summet, who shaped like a future winner last time out, but Windy Valley might improve for the change of acenery and must be respected.

3.30 BOGMARSH NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3m 1f 110yds

8 00/0- WESTERN SUN (201) JR hugtes 8 11 0...... R Massey (5) — 8 declared — BETTING: 4-7 Clinton, 7-2 Knight Tamplar, 4-1 Cherokae Boy, 20-1 New

**FORM VERDICT** 

CLINTON, who continued last season's improvement at home over the summer, is hard to oppose after his moressive dishis only senous mail did not give his running. Knight Tempier is tanced to confirm superiority over former stable-com-perior Cherokea Boy and is the obvious threat, atthough High Tyne is probably batter than he appeared over hurdles on

4.00 WEATHERBYS MARES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (H) £1,500 2m 1f 3- EVERYTHING'S ROSY (216) Miss V Williams 6 TI 0 S Kelly (5)

-9 dischird BETTING: 2-7 Everything's Ross, 9-4 Sau-Mynda, 4-1 Madam Ross, 5-1
Smolory Diva, 14-1 Water Stretford, 20-1 Veleheda, 25-1 others

FORM VERDICT

Probably best to stick with those with form in this bumper, with SMOKEY DIVA given a chance to reverse Warwick planings with Sea-Mynda with the expenence behind her Everything's Rosy commands obvious respect.

### ugby at 15s." At one point the students of tries each and they have a With World Cup qualification managed to hold him up over the solid kicker in Nicky Little at Referee: J Vaille (Scotland). Sullivan strides in from wings

ANTHONY SULLIVAN is confi- many positive attributes," dent he can handle the huge Henry said. weight of expectation surrounding his rugby union representative debut tonight.

The St Helens and Great Britain rugby league winger lines up for Wales A against Argentina at Pontypridd with just four hours' union experi-

ence to fall back on. However, the first three appearances – and three tries in the blue and black of Cardiff on a three-month contact have

proved enough for the Welsh

selectors.

"It is a big occasion for me," admitted Sullivan. "It will be a step up, but it's a level of rugby I am used to playing in league. "I am learning all the time in union. Every game provides something new, so I ve got to be on the ball each time I play.

"I'm thoroughly enjoying it with Cardiff and I'm gradually picking up the union moves," he said.

Sullivan touched down twice watching Wales coach, Graham Henry, when he scored a try against West Hartlepool

future of Welsh rugby - he has his place.

"When I saw him in the West Hartlepool game he looked twice as quick as anyone else on the pitch and, whichever way you look at it, there is no substitute for pace.

"It is only a matter of time before he gets a greater feel for the 15-man game."

Sullivan will take his place alongside 10 internationals as Wales's second string look to continue the momentum generated by the senior team's outstanding performance against the world champions.

That heroic Wembley display

has clearly made it tougher for those players on the Test team fringes to break through but several individuals will have one eye on this season's Five Nations campaign, which starts for Wales away to Scotland in under three months' time.

Winger Wayne Proctor, scrum-half Paul John, hooker Garin Jenkins, lock Ian Gough on his debut in Cardiff's 90- and No 8 Nathan Thomas are point rout of Cilfynydd in the Welsh Cup, then impressed the prove after being overlooked for the Springboks Test.

Geraint Lewis may yet find himself in the Test team. That Henry toyed with the idea of depends on the outcome of fielding Sullivan against South Scott Quinnell's appeal hearing. Africa last Saturday before If the Pontypridd flanker is deciding against it. "Anthony is withdrawn from A team duty a marvellous prospect for the Neath's Scott Eggar will take

### Sakata title ratified

THE JAPANESE rider Kazuto MOTORCYCLING Sakata has been confirmed as the world 125cc champion Sakata's fuel in a Milan labofollowing a meeting of the ratory earlier this month sport's governing body in showed it was within all limits. Geneva\_

The Aprilla rider thought he discrepancies between the recompatriot, Tomomi Manako, because of a fuel irregularity that would have seen his points from that race wiped out.

Because of the significant

had clinched the title by sults of the tests, the matter finishing fourth in the Aus- was submitted to the Internatralian Grand Prix on 4 October tional Motorcyling Federation's but appeared set to lose it to his Grand Prix Permanent Bureau. It ruled on Monday that the second test would stand and that Sakata would be crowned champion for the second time. However, a second test of following his success in 1994.

### E FAVOURITES: 200-501 (393%). BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Frame Of Mind (100), Head Gar-1.00 MARDEN NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) \$3,300 added 3YO 2m 1f

FORM VERDICT IT will be interesting to see what support there is for the as-Fronch Pat witners Paule Real and Frame of Mind, while Breseche, another purchase from across the Channel, may be better than she showed when begien at odds on in mod-erate company on her hurding debut but the suggestion is SREXENT, who looked as though he would come on a good deal for the run when fourth at Warwick this month on his bow.

### 1.30 BACTON AMATEURS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,800 added 2m 3f Fifto- COOL AS A CLICUMBER (197) (C BF) Miss V Williams 7 12 7 FITO- COOL AS A CUCUMBER (197) (C 6F) MISS V WINES 7 127 MISS S VICKERY (7) MISS S V

5 28334 NORTHÉRIN BADDLER (16) DI R Hodges 11 11 11
7 PZDP5 WHITE IN FRONT (8) Mrs A Price 7 Ti 10... Mr P Costello (7)
8 4:255 EXELIS (11) (D) J King 8 ti 10... Mr P Costello (7)
9 6NSP QUICK QUOTE (88) (C) Mrs McGe 8 ti 10... Mr J Owen (7)
10 4-POS BIT OF A DREAM (84) Mrs S Smith 6 ti 5... Mr J Crowley (7)
11 FP-22 ANOTHER COURSE (21) C Mem 10 ti 8 ... Mrs C J Mano (7)
12 FU-55P CHAN THE MAN (11) (CD) M Ppo 7 ti 3... Mr J D Moore
19 50235 BUR DER BOY (12) S Brookstaw 8 ti 10... Mr R Cooper (7)
14 256-P CANT SAY (6) JM Braddy 6 ti 11... Mr R Cooper (7)
15 GPOP-F DONNELIA (13) F Jorden 7 10 7 ... Mr C Rue (5)
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Minimum weight: 10st 7tb. Tue handleap weights: Domine 10st 2b.
BETTING: 7-2 Cool 8s A Cucumber, 4-1 Excus, 5-1 Odell, 6-1 Northern
Seddier, 6-1 Paparazza, 8-1 Jason's Boy, 16-1 dens,

FORM VERDICT

An unattractive race for betting COOL AS A CUCUMBER was progressive last season, withing three around 2m, and with every chance of improvement to come for Veneta Williams, a chance is taken on its stamma. Eleus looks well-metted on his recent win, but may find this an insufficient test. 2.00 BRIDSTOW SELLING HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS G) £2,000 added 2m 1f

2.00 DLE (CLASS G) £2,000 added 2m 1f

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2 20222 TONYS MST (6) JM Baddys 8 11 8 Mr R Fornistal (7)
3 IPFP DAYTONA BEACH (9) (0) J Mains 8 11 4 Mr R Fornistal (7)
4 0-655 HKSH LOW (94) (C) (0) J J Mains 8 11 4 Mr R Fornistal (7)
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6 302-0 CADELRY CASTLE (24) G Owniss Lores 4 11 1.7 Studiolizes (3)
7 5-5352 BALFOUR LADY (8) P Hobbs 4 11 0 Mr R Widger (7)
8 550-0 AFICKOMADO (6) R Hobges 4 10 2 J Harris (5)
9 085-12 SUBMER VILLA (20) (D) K Wingtone 6 10 12 O McPhall (3) B
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11 P3245 AR COSMANDO (6) E L. Bures 8 10 8 Mr P P385c (7)
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BETTRICS 5-2 Yeary's Milet, 7-2 Belliour Ledy, 6-1 High Lone, Galloping Guos,
7-1 Desent Power, 10-1 Air Comment, 12-1 Summer Ville, 16-1 others

FORM VERDICT A knotty selier. Tony's Milst and Baltiour Lady have claims on their recent place form, but are unlikely to represent value and a chance is taken with AIR COMMAND who shaped coungingly on his first outing for nearly two years at Tow-cester last month in a race which is working out well.

2.30 PADDY MORRISSEY NOVICE HANDI-CAP CHASE (E) £4,500 added 2m 

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Even as a juvenile hunder, RUNNING DE CERISY was being talked about by his trainer as a chasing prospect and his experience of a race over fences in France in the summer will stand him in good stead. Carliste Bandito's has not been out since failing at Musselburgh in February with a nowice handing chase at his mercy but has gone well fresh and must be feared off the same mark. Come On Pentry, the one who has won over fences, will be no pushover despite a 5th rise in the handicap, while Dondarasetordimear rain well at Ludlow last week despite making mistakes and being out of the handicap to confirm he is potentially well treated over fences.

3.00 BISHOPS FROME NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (E) £3,000 2m 3f 110yds

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# Ferdinand sweeps to the fore

SOMEHOW GLENN HODDLE'S BY CLIVE WHITE future as England coach seems development of Rio Ferdinand Venables it has been his profound wish that the national team play with the sweeper, just as he did at Swindon and Chelsea, and in sees a player with just the right capability to perform that special role. Indeed, he probably sees a and that's the beauty of Rio." lot of himself in this elegant voung footballer

The time for Hoddle to take a chance with the inexperienced Ferdinand in just such a position is at hand. At the risk of another indifferent performance on the back of a disappointing start to England's ted 4.4-2 man. It is essential that European Championship campaign, I suspect that Hoddle will make this fundamental tactical change and gamble on Ferdinand as sweep-

friendly against Not since Hansen the Czech Republic at Wembley tonight. Instead of

have we seen an English League player stride out of defence iust watching with such composure Tony Adams' heir apparent further valuable expe

defence alongside Gareth last game of my school season. Southgate and Sol Campbell. the 20-year-old Ferdinand, on his fifth appearance, will be deployed in the pivotal position in which Hoddle had always forecast he would eventually against Luxembourg last time out has persuaded the England coach that the time is right.

Like Hoddle, when he converted to sweeper late in his career, defending has been the weakness in Ferdinand's game -until this season. "He's still got to improve as a defender and be is improving, in the last 12 months he has come on leaps and bounds." Hoddle said.

to be irrevocably linked to the what his defensive deficiencies and strengths really are. What Ever since he succeeded Terry I like about him is that he's comfortable on the ball, which long term, I think will be of a major benefit. He's got ability like a midfield player and, sometimes, the young West Ham defender he in the last third like a striker. His defending was always a concern but he's got time ahead of him

> It is also the beauty of a young player, who sounds as if he was schooled on the beaches of Copacabana instead of the back streets of Peckham, that he is a sweeper with conviction, unlike Adams, who, as his coach is only too aware, is a commitwhoever plays in the role believes in it, as Hoddle discovered when he asked the reluctant Jamie Redknapp to fulfil

the function in a against Austria as a result England were duly

was not aiways a heliever In fact. at first, he did

rience on the right flank of himself as a defender. "It was the against Charlton, I think, and we didn't have enough defenders, so they put me in there." he said. "The next year in a pre-season reserve game for West Ham I was in defence against St Albans play. His excellent performance and I have played there ever since. It was put on me and I didn't enjoy it at first, but it grew on me and now I love it."

Probably not since the days of Alan Hansen have we seen an English league player stride out of defence with such composure and assurance. There are a few defenders around capable of making these upfield excursions, but precious few know what to do with the ball "Not until he has played 15 when they get there. Performed games at this level will we know properly it is one of the finest



Rio Ferdinand takes a break from England training at Bisham in preparation for tonight's game against the Czech Republic

whoever saw Franz Beckenbauer sally forth would agree. When you create an extra

body in midfield the opposition got to sit in for you." look around as if to say, 'where's

other teams," Ferdinand said. "But you've got to choose the right time to go, someone has

If Ferdinand has a weakness he come from and if other play-ers are being marked there's not defensive one, it is that this usually a spare person to mark fairly introverted individual is

though quiet and unassuming, he is a determined young man and he is confident that he can improve that aspect of his game.

Talking an organisation are things I need to improve," he said. "If you're playing in the centre, you've got to be a good

Adams is a fine example and Alvin Martin, when I first went to West Ham, was brilliant at it." most from his mentor. Hoddle.

But he knows he can learn "He understands the game.

like to be able to do both. Tony

sights in football, as anyone you, so it creates problems for not a good talker on the field. But talker or lead by example. I'd ers to the goalkeepers," Ferdisweeper he can give me pointers on that. I'm not at that stage where I can pick and choose where I play, but if selected, I know I've got a chance to stake a claim to be in the first

### takes off the kid gloves

Ipswich's young keeper is ready if he gets the international call. By Adam Szreter

IT SEEMS a long time since. England had a promisingle young goalkeeper to shout about, and given David Seaman's return to top form for Arsenal it may be a few years before one is needed. But in Richard Wright of Ipswich Town, Glenn Hoddle's goalkeeping guru Ray Clemence believes he has identified a player with the potential to become the next in an illustrious lineage. from Banks to Seaman via

Clemence himself and Shilton. Wright, who celebrated his 21st birthday on Guy Fawkes night, was called up to the senior squad from the Under-21s for the first time this week and although a piace on the bench is probably as much as he dare hope for to start with tonight, the chances are that he may play some part in the latter & stages of the game.

"He's got great reflexes, his concentration levels are very good, which you need to be an international goalkeeper, he's a lence and he's gaining experi-Clemence said of his latest prodigy. "Playing first-team football every week is the best learning curve you can have."

Like the current England No 1, and in direct contrast to someone like Peter Schmeichel. Wright belongs to the undemonstrative school of goalkeeping. Even the distinctive all-white outfit he wears a when playing for Ipswich Town is club issue rather than any fashion statement on his part and, not surprisingly, he cites Seaman as his role model. "It's his presence more than anything," Wright said, "and how cool, calm and relaxed he always appears."

Despite Wright's undoubted ability, the elevation of a First Division goalkeeper to the full England squad is a clear reflection of the abundance of foreign keepers in the Pregame and Watford's Peter counts only seven who are qualgood prospects like Ian Walker, not so long ago regarded as Seaman's deputy, is languishing in

the Spurs reserves. "In the 1970s and '80s we used to think England goalkeepers grew on trees," Clemence said. "Going back to that era there were probably eight or 10 who could have played international football. Nowadays it is a problem and around he must have thought if we don't address it and start developing goalkeepers rather than just taking them for who can play full-back. But one granted, it will become a major

Thus far Wright has remained rooted to Ipswich, the club he joined straight from midfielder, will resume the cap- school and although he retaincy after missing the last three cently left home, he still lives near enough for mum to pop round and cook the odd meal for va coach, has still to win a him. But he admits that, soongame since he took over the for- er or later, with Ipswich or someone else, he will probably need Premiership football.

"Experience-wise I think it's important," he said, "but at the moment I don't think I could go anywhere and get first-team football - well, maybe could, but I'm happy at Ipswich and we're going to get promoted this year anyway." Whether Wright eventually

fulfils his potential remains to be seen but Clemence, for one, feels sure all the signs are right. "He's a very stable person," he said. "I've known him since he was a youngster and I've seen the way he's grown up - he's coped with every situation that's been put in front of him, he always wants to learn and he always wants to listen. "Sometimes you see young

goalkeepers at 15 or 16 and you think they could go on and be very good. But somewhere along the line, at 18 or 19 years of age, it doesn't happen for them for a variety of reasons they find other distractions or they don't work as hard as they should. But Richard is not like that, and that's why he's progressing all the time. He can go as far as he wants to go." A first cap for England

tonight would be a significant step along that road.

### Irish opt for massed midfield

THE FIRST settlers in Belgrade BY STEVE TONGUE were Celts - hence the name of the Tara Mountains - but never before have the Republic of Ireland played football here. A draw would be an excellent remonth ago, it looked as if they sult for Mick McCarthy's team, still might not and that the European Championship game postponed because of threatened military action by the West would have to be played in a neutral country.

huge advantage to the Republic, but now that the political situation has stabilised. Yugoslavia can now begin their Group Eight programme on home ground. They have some catching up to do, with the Irish having stolen a six-point march on them with victories over Croatia and Malta to lead

in Belgrade

In those circumstances a whose method of achieving one will be to employ a five-man midfield behind Niall Quinn, with Jason McAteer and Damien Duff breaking down the flanks. Charlton's Mark Kinsella nership with Roy Keane, the previous two games, in which the Republic have scored seven goals without reply. Now the extra midfield place goes to Portsmouth's Alan McLoughlin.

Denis Irwin, whose early penalty against Croatia gave ireland the perfect start to the the best performances by any-

competition in September, wins body at the World Cup. I just his 50th cap at right-back, with Coventry's Gary Breen partnering Kenny Cunningham of Wimbledon in the middle. The prospect of either Phil Babb or Steve Staunton bringing their Liverpool form to the centre of defence was not an encouraging one, so Staunton will appear

in one of his more familiar in-

ternational roles, at left-back. important central midfield part- secret of his admiration for Yugoslavia. "They've got good established over the course of passers of the ball," he said. "I don't see too many weaknesses. We've been watching videos of their performances in the World Cup, when they should probably have gone further than they the Yugoslavs before their emo-

hope they play like they did in the last 30 minutes." A subsequent 1-1 draw in

Brazil, with a Brazilian referee. prompted Fifa, football's world governing body, to lift the Yugoslavs to eighth place in the world rankings; as Croatia are fourth, it is clear how difficult a group this will be to win. Yugoslavia's coach, Milan

the Irish are going to play defensively and we'll have to break them down. If they get another point here, they'll be well on the way to qualifying." Such a result would also inflict some self-doubt among

did. For 60 minutes against tionally charged fixture against Germany they produced one of Croatia in March. A point from this assign-

aeroplane. YUGOSLAWIA: Kralj; Djukic, Mira

YOUGHARDE WAY: DILIKE, WITAJIONE, DICTOR, D'STANIONE, BIARRONE, BOOK, SO-PKONE, D STANIONE; Mijatovic, Milosevic, REPUBLIC OP INVILANDE Given; Irwin, Cumingham, Breen, Staunton; McAeee, Keane, McLoughim, Kinsella, Duff; Quinn.



ment would almost enable Mc-Carthy's team and their 1,000 followers to fly home from the land of their fathers without an

### Papin announces end to glittering career

France's greatest strikers, tered only by Michel Platini ended his playing career and played in the 1986 World yesterday. "I am going to grant | Cup finals and 1992 European myself a long break devoted to Championship. He made his my family, especially my daughter Emily who is disabled." Papin said.

326 goals in 584 matches for where he scored 181 goals in eight clubs and the French na- 279 games, won four champitional team, is retiring com- onship medals and was leading Barcelona, Papin also played pletely from playing but will French goalscorer for five seacoach the amateur side of Arcachon, in south-west France. In 54 matches for France, in-

cluding 11 as captain. Papin

last appearance for France in

Papin shot to fame in 1986 The 35 year old, who scored after signing for Marseilles. sons. His goals helped Marseilles reach the 1991 European Cup in 1996, before returning to Cup final, in which they were France. After a spell at Bor-

never won the European Cup with Marseilles. I have replayed that final in Bari so many times," Papin told the French sports daily L'Equipe.

After transferring to Milan in 1992. Papin won a European Cup medal in 1994, though he did not play in the final against for Bayern Munich, helping the German club win the Uefa

struggled to hold down a place.

Papin, who also had spells with Vichy, Valenciennes and Bruges, said that he is now a peramental, naive and inexpefor Marseilles.

"I thought that I knew a lot of things about which I knew nothing." he said. "I have changed a lot that is clear I have been divorced, had setbacks, injuries and put confibeaten on penalties by Red deaux he moved to the French dence in people that I later yesterday.

JEAN-PIERRE PAPIN, one of scored 30 goals - a record bet. Star Belgrade in Bari. "If I had Second Division club regretted. But what changed one regret, it would be that I Guingamp in pre-season, but me above all was Emily. She changed the centre of gravity of my life away from soccer.

In Tirana, special police units were guarding the stadidifferent person from the "tem- um in which Albania are scheduled to play Greece tonight in rienced." youngster who signed the first international to take place in the country since 1996 when Armenia were the visi-

> "Units have been posted in and around the stadium since Sunday," Artan Bizhga, the Interior Ministry spokesman, sald

### McMenemy takes underdog stance LAWRIE McMENEMY is playing BY MARK PTERSON

mind games ahead of Northern Ireland's Euro 2000 qualifier against Moldova at Windsor Park today. McMenemy says his side are the underdogs, even though Moldova are ranked 23 places lower at 116th in the world standings.

the underdogs if you look at where we draw our players from, who they are playing for and their lack of experience. The Moldovan players are all playing regular football and they are a high-quality unit. We're picking from lads who are third choice at Blackburn, reserve at Manchester City and the only goalkeeper we have playing regularly is in the Second Division. You should not

underestimate the opposition in any game whatsoever. "If anyone is giving the impression that this game will be any easier than our last one, against Finland, that could be fatal. It's a thin line between trying to be depressive and optimistic and what I'm trying to do is guard against compla-

cency."

Despite McMenemy's attempt at kidology, Northern Ireland are still expected to beat Moldova, who have won one competitive away game in their history. Three points Turkey. It would put them back who is suspended.

in Belfast

in the bunt for qualification following their 3-0 loss in Istanbul in the first game.

McMenemy has been forced to change his full-backs for the miership, where Clemence left-back, while the Under-21 skipper, Danny Griffin, is expected to play at right-back. McMenemy and his assistant, Joe Jordan, have been monitoring Kennedy's progress at Vicarage Road and McMenemy did not hesitate about giving the 25-year-old his first cap.

He said: "I have been aware of him and he has been on the stand-by list before. Looking he was in with a chance because I am without five players man's absence is another's op- problem." portunity and there's no doubt that he has a sweet left foot."

Steve Lomas, the West Ham internationals through injury.
Ivan Daniliants, the Moldo-

mer Soviet republic in the summer and they lost to Finland and Germany in their opening two qualifiers. Daniliants' task would take Northern Ireland has been made harder because joint top of Group Three with six points, alongside Finland and enced midfielder Igor Oprea,

### Rangers apologise to Aberdeen Freedman stakes claim

RANGERS ISSUED a full public approved by the magazine's apology to Aberdeen last night for labelling a section of the Pittodrie club's support "scum" in last Saturday's Ibrox match-

day programme. Stewart Milne, the Aberdeen chairman, protested to Bob Brannan, the Rangers chief executive, vesterday about the anonymous article which also "under-achievers and money-

grabbers". Rangers made it clear in a statement that they have rissued a full and unreserved apology" to Milne, the club and its supporters - and this was

accepted by Aberdeen. The Rangers statement added that the programme is published on the club's behalf hope that longer-running by a third party and the column. debates might also now be entitled "Blue Knows", was silenced.

However, the club admit they take full responsibility for drie in October 1988, remains a "all material appearing in its of- source of conflict, but Milne ficial publications and is therefore in discussion with the publisher to ensure there will be no repeat of the situation."

Brannan said: "The views expressed were not those of branded the Dons' team as Rangers Football Club. Relations between the two clubs are typically excellent and it is therefore regrettable this issue has arisen.

"I have apologised sincerely to Stewart Milne and explained how the situation arose. He has accepted this and I trust this will be the end of the matter."

Milne also expressed the

Neil Simpson's careerthreatening challenge on Rangers' Ian Durrant at Pittoinsists only a minority of sup-

"Rangers have apologised unreservedly for the comments, which we accept, and as sible." far as we are concerned, that is the end of the matter." he said. "Bob has acknowledged that

the relevant sections of the programme could certainly inflammatory, taken from this unfortunate incident, it has been agreed that

both clubs will look at ways in

for the good of the Scottish Pre-

mier League and Scottish foot-

ball as a whole.

which we could move together

cidents in the past involving Rangers and ourselves, both clubs should now be looking towards a future devoid of the nastiness which has appeared porters still dispute the matter. from time to time and for which a minority element of fans from both sides have been respon-

That sentiment was echoed Euan Chisholm, chairman of the Association of Aberdeen Supporters' Clubs, who believes the time has come to meet have been deemed to be Rangers fans and ensure the rivalry between the two clubs is "If anything positive is to be restored to a friendly basis.

> "Meeting with the main Rangers supporters' groups is now an option for us to put everything into context and emphasise the extremes of opinion are in a minority," he

"Whilst there have been in- DOUGIE FREEDMAN believes scoring then there would be a partnership with Pierre van Hooijdonk for Nottingham Forest.

> home Premiership goal, and not I hadn't played with Pierre second in the top flight, during before but he's a quality playhis side's thrilling 2-2 draw with Derby on Monday.

> joining from Wolves for £900,000 not enough to guarantee them at the start of the season but all three points. now believes he has proved he deserves a regular run in the Palace striker is confident they

> the start and I've got to be even though we didn't get the happy with my two goals so far."

> tingham Forest is good. If I was there should be no problem in

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he can form a powerful strike problem. All I can do is put in we didn't win but we got a good performances, score goals and then it's up to 'Harry' the Forest manager, Dave Bas-Freedman scored his first sett) whether he picks me or

Forest's display against Freedman has been in and Derby was one of their best so out of the Forest team since far this season, but it was still Even so, the former Crystal

er and he's good to play with.

will turn the corner soon and "That was only my fourth said: "It was a great perforgame in the Premiership from mance. We're pleased with that

"My goal record for Not- play like that every week then always in the team and not us staying in the Premiership. striker's goals."

"It's a bit disappointing that point and it's something to build on."

Bassett was full of praise for the striker, who has now scored five goals in all competitions for Forest.

"I was delighted for Dougie because he's taken some stick. He followed up his initial shot well," said the manager.

Freedman showed a real predator's instinct with his strike against Derby, collecting a rebound in the penalty area and then firing the ball home after seeing his initial shot parried by the Derby goalkeeper, Russell Houit.

"It was a good striker's "We were unlucky but if we goal," Freedman said. "You've got to be in there to score goals like that and I like scoring good



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# Hemery surprised to be back on top

DAVID HEMERY, the very model of an English sporting champion - or should that be sporting Fnglish champion? - was announced yesterday as president of the re-emergent body

now running British athletics. The 54-year-old MBE, who will always be remembered for winning the 1968 Olympic 400m murdles in a world record time, was a surprise - and surprised choice for a position that now ablishes him as the domestic sport's main ambassador,

not to mention its conscience. He gained 426 votes in a poll of athletics clubs that saw 743 of the 1,604 registered to take part respond. That put him 117 shead of the man who many regarded as favourite for the position, Sir Eddie Kulukundis, the millionaire shipping magnate and theatrical impresario who has unofficially funded many athletes over the past 20

The 1980 Olympic 800m champion, Steve Ovett, who had also thrown his hat into the ring, was third with 274 votes. Tom McNab, the coach and author, received 129 votes and the former British team man-

BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM

ager, Mike Turner, polled 99. Hemery who has worked for many years in the area of motivational performance in both sport and business, will have an immediate opportunity to develop his ambassadorial role as he attends the IAAF's annual gala in Monaco this weekend to launch Britain's bid to host the 2003 World Championships at a re-

furbished Wembley Stadium. "The last major event of that kind which we have hosted was the 1948 Olympics," he said. "I would like to ask the IAAF president, Primo Nebiolo, what it is they are looking for

Another question that letics 98 - has plotted its course Hemery, a long-standing advocate of drug-free sport, would like to ask the IAAF president fills the role as its chief execuis why the ban for positive dope tests within the sport has been reduced from four to two years.

"I think it sends out the wrong message," said the man who, in 1990, wrote a book en- that will decide whether Moortitled Winning Without Drugs croft will remain in his post or

the Natural Approach to Competitive Sport. In his book, other candidates. Hemery describes the key role Yesterday Hemery paid trib-

that mental rehearsal - visualute to the "awesome" work isation – played in his Olympic that Moorcroft, a former world victory. It is a technique he has 5,000m record holder had done passed on to many other athto turn around the domestic letes, including Sally Gunnell, sport's fortunes after the who found it hugely effective in **British Athletic Federation was** preparing for her Olympic and declared bankrupt just over a world title wins of 1992 and 1993. year ago. "It would take a very But it was clear enough yesstrong candidate to dislodge terday that he had not visuhim." Hemery said. alised himself as a winner in Hemery, like Moorcroft, is

likely to generate considerable goodwill within the sport. His this particular five-horse race. "I was quite staggered to be appointed," Hemery said. "I place in sporting legend is already secured by his majesought Steve Ovett would win. But I'm very grateful to have tic performance in the thin air of Mexico 30 years ago, when, After the financial turmoil of with blond hair flying, he prothe past year, the domestic duced the perfect performance sport - currently operating at the perfect time to set a record that was not beaten by under the monicker of UK Athanother Briton until Kriss Akfor the new millennium. abusi in 1990.

> Since retiring from athletics. having gained a bronze medal at the 1972 Olympics behind the late John Akii-Bua of Liganda he has worked for the National Coaching Federation and more recently, in his own company, Performance Consultants. which teaches business man-



'I was staggered' - David Hemery, MBE, after being appointed president of UK Athletics 98 yesterday Allsport

agers to get the most out of their employees.

Hemery was asked to stand for the new post by Chris Carter, the former international 800m runner who has held a number of posts in British athletics over the past 15 years. "I think it may have helped me that I have come back into the sport fresh," Hemery said.

of golden opportunity for the sport." With a new five-year tele-"I'm coming to it with a lot of newly signed with the BBC, er welcome breath of fresh air.

passion, but without too much and a steady flow of Lottery baggage. I believe this is a time money now established, the sport does indeed seem on the brink of a happier era. Yestervision deal worth about £15m day's appointment was anoth-

### Connolly and O'Connor fit for Ireland

been given this chance."

steered by the man who now

Another of Hemery's key

roles in a position he will hold

for at least two years will be to

chair the appointment panel

tive. David Moorcroft.

GARY CONNOLLY and Terry O'Connor, Wigan's Great Britain internationals, have won their battle to be fit to play for Ireland against Scotland in the last game of the professional season tonight.

The two, both carrying knocks from the series against New Zealand but eager to play. take their places in the line-up at Partick Thistle. Shaun Edwards, however, is ruled out.

The availability of secondmeration Irishmen of the cilibre of Connolly and O'Connor means that Cliff Eccles, the Salford prop who has just signed for Swinton, and

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lee Child drop to the bench,

BY DAVE HADFIELD

alongside Conor O'Sullivan Tonight's winners will play Wales in Cardiff to kick off an expanded competition next April An Emerging England side will also be involved and all four home nations will compete

World Cup in 2000. Small beer as it is at this stage, there are signs that the rugby union authorities are nervous about the potential of this competition.

had earlier accepted for one of their match programmes.

Plans to publicise the league fixture in Glasgow earlier this week were stymied when the SRU called a hastily-arranged press conference with the France last week South African tourists in Edinburgh at the same time. "That could just be a coincias separate entities in the

dence," said the Rugby League's spokesman. John Huxley. "But, given the spirit of co-operation elsewhere, it is very regrettable that they felt they could not carry an advert.

The Scottish Rugby Union It won't prevent the growth of have been drawn away to the this week pulled the plug on an advert for the game, which they der, but it is an irritation."

Yorkshire team Siddal while the Scottish Border Eagles are

Scotland promote Brad- at home to Wath Brow. ford's Simon Knox to the start- Ellenborough Rangers, the ing line-up, with his team-mate, Nathan Graham, moving to centre. Otherwise the team is the one that lost narrowly in Dewsbury Moor. As one season ends, the pre- John Myler, previously on the

amble to the next one begins - staff at Warrington, as an asand there was also a Celtic sistant coach to Ellery Hanley dimension to the draw for the for next season, while Leeds first round of the Silk Cut are to announce what they Challenge Cup, held at Manchester Airport last night.

The Irish champions, the

MARCO FU, the great new hope of Asian snooker, confirmed his promise with an opening victory over the seasoned professional

Victoria UK Championship at Cumbrian side who beat Bramley and Hunslet to reach the Bournemouth yesterday. Fu. a Grand Prix finalist in last 16 last year, are away to Preston last month, defeated St Helens have appointed the 1991 World Matchplay champion 9-4 to reach the last 32. However, he was denied a showdown with the original flag-bearer for Asian snooker. James Wattana. The world No

> thorpe's Matthew Couch, the world No 78. Challenge Cup draw, Fu's performance at the **Sporting Digest**

SNOOKER

Fu's fame in the frame

Grand Prix made him an instant celebrity back home in Hong Kong. Gary Wilkinson in the Liverpool

And it caused him to cut down on his practice for the current event. "I was met by reporters at the airport when I arrived home and it never really stopped until I got back to England," Fu said. "I didn't really organise my time as well as I should have done, but my run in the Grand Prix created a lot of interest and it took off after I beat Ronnie O'Sullivan.

"I'd love to have another good run here but it's a tougher

tournament to win. The longer frame matches usually suit the better player so we'll have to see what happens."

Fu still looked jet-lagged yesterday when he dropped three of the first four frames to Wilkinson, the world No 18. But he finished the opening session 5-3 up and rarely looked in danger of conceding his advantage. A break of 71 doubled his lead and be got within one frame of victory before Wilkinson pinched frame 12 on the blue. There was to be no escape, however, and Furnaved into the second mund by potting the last three colours

#### WEEKEND POOLS FORECAST

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13 Oxford Urd v Port Vale

16 Sunderland v Barnslev 19 Watford v Crewe..

DIVISION TWO 20 Bournemouth v Burnley ...... 21 Blackpool v Preston .. 23 Lincoln City v Luton .... 24 Macclesfield v Walsall ... 25 Manchester City v Gillingham ......1 26 Millwall v Bristol Rovers ...... 27 Northampton v Reading ... 28 Norts County v Coichester 29 Oldham v Wrexham..... 

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL NIFL: Denver 30 Kansas City 7.

term "a major signing" today:

Ludvik Danek, who won the discus

gold medal for Czechoslovakla at the 1972 Munich Olympics and was the first man to throw over 65 metres, has died aged 61, the Czech Athletics Association said yester-

CRICKET The former Lancashire batsman Nick Speak has taken over the vice-

captaincy of Durham after John Mor-ris resigned from the position for the second time. The Pakistani regional side National Bank of Pakistan set a record for

the lowest first-class score in the country after being dismissed for 20 against Pakistan Customs in Karachi. The world-record low in Pirst-class cricket is 12, scored by Oxford University against MCC A in 1877 and also by Northamptonshire against Gloucestershire in 1907.

DRUGS IN SPORT

The world men's badminton doubles champion, Budiarto Sigit of Indonesia, has been suspended for 13 months after testing positive for the banned steroid Nandrolone at the Konica Cup in Singapore in August. Sigit, 22, was also fined \$2,000 and he and his doubles partner, Candra Wijaya, had to forfelt their \$10,000

Wijaya, had to forfelt their \$10,000 In prize-money and ranking points from winning the tournament. A German Athletics Federation doctor. Kariheinz Graff, has said he sospects several German athletes of taking erythropoletin or using some form of blood doping. Graff said he had received requests from two athletes for plasma, which can be used to fight blood thickening which might result from taking erythropoletin. South Korea have pulled their South Korea have pulled their women's artistic gymnastics team out of next month's Asian Games in Bangkok after four of the squad failed drug tests. The Korea Gymnastics Association also sacked three coaches.

FOOTBALL

The Bosnian national side is planning to play a "Soccer for Peace" friending against a Fifa World XI on 27 April in Sarajevo. The Fifa side is expected to include the Brazillans Ronaldo and Roberto Carlos and France's Zinedine Zidane.

Uefa, European football's governing body, has confiscated 140.000 Swiss Francs (£62,300) from the Hun-garian Football Association because of unauthorised ticket sales for forthcoming internationals.

forthcoming internationals.

The Real Mallorca forward lovan Stankovic has been given a four-match ban from European competition by Uefa following his sending off in a European Cup-Winners' Cuptie against Genk. Five players, including Paul Ince for Liverpool, and Jody Morns for England's Under-21 side, were banned for three matches. Scotland's World Cup referee Hugh Dallas will take charge of the Scot-tish League Cup final between St Johnstone and Rangers on 29 November.

November.

NATIONNEDE LEAGUE SCUAD (# Italian League, Term, 25 Nov): Wright (fosvich). Weaver (Manchester City).

Marshall (Norwich), Mallins (Crystal Palace), Naytor (Wolves). O'Brien (Bradford), Williams (Sunderland). Dyer (ipsech), Evers (Luton). Johnson (Crewe).

Robinson (Wetford), Branch (Everton, Currently on Ioan to Marchester City).

Bridges (Sunderland). Koumas (France), Noel-Williams (Watford), Rankis (Bradford).

SPORTING DIGEST

MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS

15 was crushed 9-3 by Scun-

FA UMBRO TROPHY First round:
Leatherhead 1 Crawley 2.

THE TUMES FA YOUTH CUP First
round: Gillingham 0 Enfield 0. Second
round: Hardepool 5 Rotherham 1; Peterborough 2 Cardiff 1.

PONTINS LEAGUE Prenaler Division:
Leicester 2 Manchester Und 6. First Division: Wolverhampton 3 Burnley 0.
League Cup Group Four: Sheffield Utd
1 Huddersfield 1.

ANON INSURANCE COMBINATION
RITHS Division: Aronal 3 Fulham 3;
Chelsea 0 Southampton 1: Reading 1
Portsmouth 3.

GOLF

Next year's Malaysian Open is to become part of the European Tour In addition to its place in the Asian PGA calendar, The £450,000 tournament will be the fourth leg of the Tour – sandwiched between the the four - sanowiched between the Vines Classic in Australia and the Dubai Desert Classic. 'This is a wonderful step for golf in Malaysia, golf in Asia and for sport right across our region,' Thomas Lee, the president of the Malaysian Golf Association, said.

HOCKEY HOCKEY

WOMEN'S EHA CUP Fourth-round
draw: Billingham v Eastbourne, Blackburn Northern v Slough; Bracknell v
Doncaster: Bradford v Horsham; Chester
v Olton Terraquest; Dulwich v Clifton
Scottish Life; Ealing v Bury St Edmunds;
Fyffes Lelecster v Sheffield; Hightown
v Sherwood; Ipswich v Harleston Magples; Liverpool Sefton v Canterbury; Luton Town v Loughborough Students;
Trojans v Chelmsford Highway; Tuke Hill
v Northampton; Wimbledon v Aldridge;
Woking v Sutton Coddfield (Ires to be
played Sunday 6 December).

ICE HOCKEY Bracknell Bees' Barry McKinlay, the top-scoring defenceman in Super-league this season with six goals and 11 assists in 11 games, has quit the club and returned to Canada.

citing "personal reasons" for his de-parture. NHL: Calgary 5 Detroit 3; Anahem 3 Los Angeles 1.

FOOTBALL 7.0 unless stated
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING MATCHES GROUP TWO GROUP THREE Northern Ireland v Moldova (8.0) .... (at Windsor Park, Belfast)

**GROUP SIX** San Marino v Cyprus (7.30). GROUP EIGHT England v Czech Republic (8.0) ....... (at Wembley)

EUROPEAN U-21 CHAMPI-ONSHIP QUALIFYING MATCH PONTENS LEAGUE Premier Dis Aston VIIIa v Birmingham; Leeds v Liv-

erpool (2.0). Division One: Bolton v Port Vale (at Division One: Botton v Port vale (at Rochale FC): Middlesbrough v Grims-by (at Billingham Synthonia FC). Division Two: Blackpool v Wresham: Lincoln v Newcastle (7.30): Scarbor-mach: Botheckam

Division Three: Bury v Walsall (2.0) (at Rudcliffe Borough FC):Carlisle v Hartlepool (2.0) 17 Chester v Rochdale (2.0): Scunthorpe v Hull: Wigan v Darlington (2.0). AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION
Division One: Brentford v Oxford
(2.0); Chariton v Bournemouth;

(conight, 7.30, at Partick Thistie PC):
Scotland: Penny (Warnington): Arnold (Huddersheid). Campbell (Hull). Graham (Bradford). Roache (Marrington): Orr (Huddersheid). Duffy (Warnington): Orr (Huddersheid). Puffy (Warnington): Destroy. Barry (Huddersheid). Solomon (Lancashie Lymo, Mono (Bradford), Walmwright (Worrington). Substitutes: Dinon (Hull KR): Flowers (Casteford): Willson (Linkingow Lons): G Shaw (Otdnam). Ireland: Prescott (Hull): Carney (Dubin Blues). Smith (Hull KR). Comolify (Mogan). Forster (Warnington): Marryn (St. Heiers, Crompton (Salford). O'Connor (Wigan). Lawless (Sheffield). McDernoct (Leeds). Harmon (Bradford). Cassidy (Migan). Bergess (Salford). Smbstitutes: Eccles (Swinton): Child (Featherstone): Gray (Bangor Wlungs): O'Sullivan (Dublin). SLIK CUT CHALLENGE CUP First-

[Sangor Viungs]: O'suffixan (Dubin).

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Shaw Cross v Featherstone MW. Nortand v Millford: Cueens v Redhall. Middleton v Wigan St Judes: Eccles v Gorthaldl: Gareshead Punthers v Croshelds, Ideal Isberg v Millom, Scottash Border Eagles v Warh Brow Hornets; Dewisbury Moor v Ellenborugeh, Hull Dockers v Park Amateurs; Keighley Albion v Dockworth Clayton v Normanton; Eastmoor v Moldgreen; Wigan Rose Bridge v Blackbrook, Rochdale Mayfield v Leeds Met Unit, Leigh East v Haydock, New Earswick, v Townville; Featherstone Lions v Queensbury; London Skolars v Thatto Heath; Siddal v Northside Saints (Dublin); Ovenden v East Leeds, (Tes to be played 5-6 December).

RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCH: Cambridge University 13

Ellen MacArthur, in the 50-foot Kingfisher. has broken through the 2,000-mile mark of the Route du Rhum race from St Malo to Guade-loupe. On a day of mixed fortunes she also regained the lead in her class, moved back to sixth overall cass, moved back to sorth overall among the monohulls, and was tracking faster than her nearest opponent. Laurent Bourgnon in Primagaz leads the multihulis with 1,200 miles to go. Thomas Cohnle leads the 60-foot monohulls, 1,800 miles from the finish, in Aquitaine Innovations.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Coichester v Wycombe (2.0); Gilling-ham v Peterborough (2.0); Swindon v Brighton (7.15). BASKETBALL CLASSIC COLA NATIONAL CUP

Charter Rhals: Greater London Leopards v Birmingham Bullets (7.30) (or London Areno): Sheffield Sharks v Derby Storm (7.45): Manchester Gants v Tharnes Valley Tigers (7.30). RUGBY LEAGUE

HOME INTERNATIONAL Scotland v Ireland (7.30)...... (at Partick Thistle FC)

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WORLD CUP
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POOL TWO Wales A v Argentina A (7.15)... (at Pontypridd)

TOUR MATCH
Glasgow Cal v New Zealand Maoris ..
[at McDiarmid Park, Porth) CLUB MATCH: Oxford University v Ma-jor Stanley's XV (3.0)

OTHER SPORTS SNOOKER: United Kingdom Championships (Bournemouth).
TENNIS: British National Championships (Telford).

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9-4: M Stevens (Wai) bt B Jones (Eng) 9-7: G Dott (Sco) bt G Greene (Eng) 9-7: M Holt (Eng) bt A McManus (Sco) 9-7. F O'Bren (Inf) bt P Wykes (Eng) 9-2: M Couch (Eng) bt J Wattana (Thai) 9-3; M Fu (HK) bt G Wilkinson (Eng) 9-4

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TENNIS
BRITISH NATIONAL CHARPIONSHIPS
[Telford] Men's singles, first round;
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6-4; N Weal (Hants & DOW) bt J Loyne
(Cambs) 6-3 6-1; J Fox (Lincs) bt J Dayldson (Bucks) 6-4 6-4; B Cowan (Lancs) bt
L Onlids (Somi 6-2 7-6: D Sapsford (Surrey) bt C Willumson (Hants & DOW) bt S Dickson
(Ches) 6-4 6-4; L Milligan (Midda) bt R
Matheson (W of Sco) 6-4 4-6 6-3: P
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(Yorks) 7-5 3-6 6-1; M MacLagan (W of
Sco) bt J Fackland (Morl 7-6 6-3: T Spinks
(Nor) bt G Darlington (N of Sco) 6-2 6-1;
M Lee (Susses) bt J Delgado (Berks) 3-6
6-3 6-4; A Parmar (Herts) bt B Fuicher
(Nor) 6-4 6-4.

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WITA TOURNAMENT (Pattaya, Thai) Singles, first round: D bing (Ch) by H houe (Jopan) 5-7-6-4-6-3; M Weingarther (Ger) by A Shinobu (Japan) 6-1-6-3, N Platt (Aus) by D Chiladioon (Cz Rep) 3-6, 6-0-6-0; H-lain-d-beugis (Fr) by I D Oka (Aus) 7-6-4-6-6-3. T Pandya (Rus) by O Barabarachinous (Belgado 6-2-1-6-2), A Gersi (Cz Rep) by R Otakeyama (Japan) 7-5-4-6-6-3.

even teams competing at the men's world championships in Japan were yesterday fined \$3,000 (£1,800) each

yesterday fined \$3,000 (£1,800) each for ignoring the sport's controversial new skin-ught dress regulations. Volleyball's world governing body, the FNB, said "The shirts were too loose and did not fit the body." The offending teams were Italy, the United States. Brazil. Avgentina, Poland, Russla and Turkey. All are now out of the running for the \$10,000 prize for the best-dressed team at the champlonships.

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ROSE'S CHANCE TO BLOOM P26 HEMERY OUT IN FRONT AGAIN P31

International football: Opposition place 'special importance' on Wembley date with Hoddle's patched-up side

# Campbell handed the lead role

IF A TEAM'S endeavours reflect By ADAM SZRETER the demeanour of its coach then the 40-odd thousand expected to brave the elements and turn up at Wembley tonight can expect a pretty subdued England performance against the Czech Republic.

or the news that Paul Scholes had joined Alan Shearer and Michael Owen in pulling out with a hamstring strain, was impossible to tell; but for once the decent humour that has just about carried the England coach through the turbulence of to make sure we get right." the past three months was conspicuous by its absence.

By the evening, however, after training in the bracing afternoon chill and in the absence of Paul Ince and Tony Adams as tain situation in my mind," he well as Shearer, Hoddle was feeling sufficiently extravagant the window and it's the second to name Tottenham's Sol Campbell as his captain for the night. at. That's not to the detriment David Seaman and Gareth Southgate were the other obvi- but there are certain players I ous contenders but naming might have played if, say, Campbell, who led his country Michael and Alan had been fit." against Belgium in a World Cup warm-up game in Casablanca, was undoubtedly the most positive gesture Hoddle could have

made in the circumstances. "Sol leads by example and the players respond to him," Hod- Emile Heskey still struggling dle said. "He did a good job when he led the team in Morocco but Wembley will be different. I'm fresh, although few players desure it will be a proud occasion for him and some time in the fu-than the thirtysomethings, Dion ture he could be earmarked for Dublin and Ian Wright, who the job full-time."

Owen apart, Campbell was England's outstanding player at Merson could, like Hendrie and France '98 and he continues to lead by example for Spurs, never more so than with his outstanding performance against Liverpool in last week's Worthington Cup tie.

said. "There is an added feeling because the game is at Wemblev. but I must not let the occasion take over my performance."

Hoddle's critics once again found plenty to home in on, most notably the memory of England's last match at the national stadium, a sterile goalless draw with Bulgaria in Euro 2000.

The stakes are not so high tonight, but whatever he learns from an experimental line-up the result and the nature of the per-

formance will, inconveniently for Hoddle, be of more significance than he has been prepared to admit. "It's important that some of the players who haven't played for a while get a Whether it was the nature of chance to show us what they can yesterday's back-page head- do against good quality interlines that upset Glenn Hoddle, national opposition," he insisted. "For me as coach that's the most important reason for the game. We would like to learn those things in a winning way of going, but Poland and Sweden are the two games that we've got

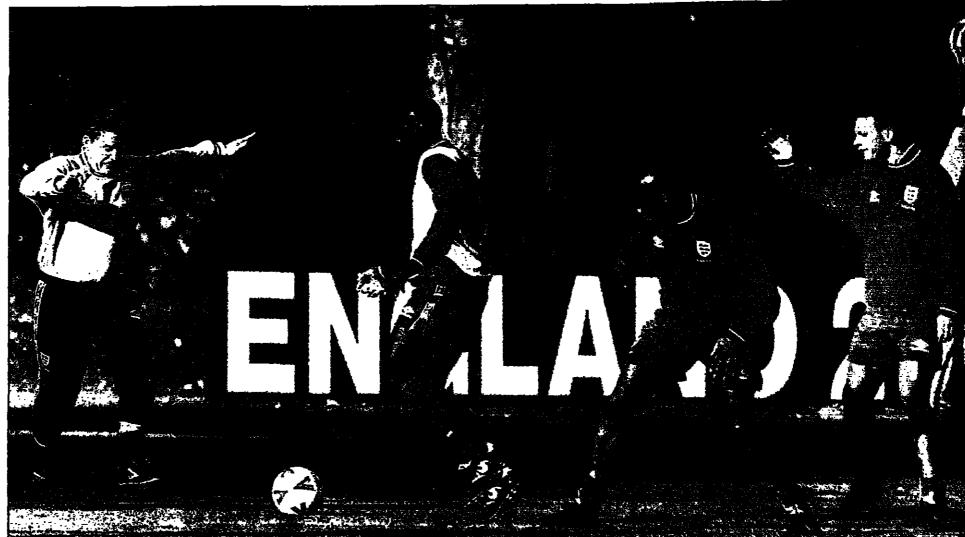
> The injuries to Shearer and Owen obliged him to scrap his original plans for this game. "I would like to have brought in certain players and I had a cersaid, "but that had to go out of or third option that I'm looking of the side I'm going to put out

In normal circumstances that would mean giving youth a chance, and as far as the industrious Lee Hendrie is concerned that might yet be the case. But with Leicester's with an ankle injury, Hoddle's options in attack are not as serve another chance more are likely to be paired together.

In Scholes' absence Paul Dublin, benefit from Aston Villa's present run of collective good form and it will be a surprise if Rio Ferdinand is not given another chance to im-"It is a great honour and a while Hoddle may be tempted to up, the desire not to be embarrassed by a Czech side with a 100 per cent record from three European Championship qualifying games, and the lingering hope of a happy christmas, may temper his enthusiasm.

GLAND (possible): Seeman (Arsenal); Herilie (Man Utd), Ferdinand (West Ham), Campbell; Anderton (both Toterham), Beckham (Man Uto), Headrie (Aston Villa), Le Saux (Cheisea); Merson (Aston Villa); Wiright (West Ham), Dublin

Ferdinand sweeps in more international football, p30



Glenn Hoddle puts in some last-minute practice at Bisham with (from left) the new England captain, Sol Campbell, Dion Dublin and Rio Ferdinand

### Czechs ready for English experiment

JOZEF CHOVANEC, the Czech BY NICK HARRIS press in the sweeper role. But Republic's coach, was eager to against England. When asked how he felt about the prospect of facing an experimental side devoid of Alan Shearer and Michael Owen, he replied through his interpreter: "We won't pay special attention to the England side or its experiments." Pausing for a second while his words were translated. he then tapped the interpreter on the arm to ensure a qualifying phrase was added. "With the

greatest possible respect to the

Tuesday's Solution

appear diplomatic yesterday England team, of course," he tional side and I expect a strong wins from three games. They their new coach took over.

The Czech Republic have won seven games and drawn two from the nine played since Chovanec ended a career in club football that saw him play for PSV Eindhoven, amongst others, and coach at Sparta Prague and turn his hand to in-

ternational management. "For our national team. every game is important, and especially tomorrow's game with England," he said. "I suppose both the England team

Europe gave the green light for

an expanded Champions'

League of 32 teams at a meet-

Madrid and Internazionale were

among the sides who agreed to

increase the current 24-team

format and urged Uefa to

launch the new-look competition

from next season. A sub-group

of five clubs - Real Madrid,

Milan, Bayern Munich, Porto

and Marseilles - has been

formed to discuss details of the

changes with football's Euro-

The Professional Footballers'

Association is trying to block

Manchester United's "feeder

club" deal with Royal Antwerp.

Gordon Taylor, the PFA's chief

executive, says he will com-

plain to the European Com-

mission, world governing body

"I am surprised and disap-

pointed at United," Taylor said.

"With their record of bringing

through home-grown players I

don't see why they need to bring

in young prospects from

abroad." The PFA is also at

loggerheads with United over

Rupert Murdoch's proposed

Manchester's notorious

weather is to blame for the

pitch at Old Trafford having to

be dug up and relaid in mid-sea-

son, according to the Australian

pean governing body.

Fifa and Uefa.

buy-out

Manchester United, Real

ing in Madrid yesterday.

the better half of Europe's na- qualifying group with three tantly, more consistent since Germany's Schaller 04 - and the ball schools.

"For us this match has a special importance because we have Scotland in the same Euro 2000 qualifying group as us and we regard that there are certain similarities in the English and Scottish football." When asked to elaborate, he said both teams would give his side tough, physical games, and he said that is what he ex-

pects this evening. The Czech Republic are cur-

and then host the return fixture in June and Craig Brown will be among those watching at Wembley this evening. Glenn Hoddle, for his part, should expect

nothing less than a stern test. The Czechs showed by reaching the final of the Euro 96 they were capable of attractive football. They may have lost that match 2-1 and may have failed to qualify for France 98 but they have been higher in the Fifa

world rankings than England

without the speedy, powerful Lazio midfielder, Pavel Nedved, who was withdrawn from the squad on Monday with a knee injury, he will field others equally talented. Karel Poborsky, the midfielder who never settled at Old Trafford, and Liverpool's Patrik Berger, who scored twice from free-kicks in his last international, will start. Joining them in midfield will be Jiri Nemec – last year's Czech Play-

er of the Year and the most tal-

and the Czech team belong to rently top of their Euro 2000 for years, and more impor- ented member of his chub side. promising Vladimir Smicer, the prodigious attacker whose goals helped Lens win the French league last season.

"I would be very glad if we could be successful," Chovanec said when asked about tonight's game. When pushed for a prediction, he steadfastly declined. Too diplomatic for

that kind of thing.

CZECH REPUBLIC (v England at Wembiev tonight, probable team): Kouba (Viktoria Zickov): Newcomy, Wednes (Dožh
Sparta Prague), Repka (Florentina):
Poborsky (Benfica), Bejbi (Allerko
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Prague), Smiloer (Lens).

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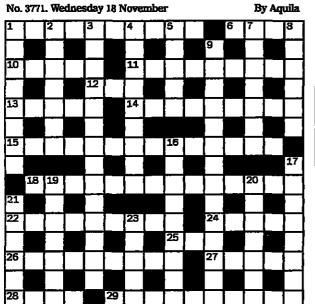
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### THE WEDNESDAY CROSSWORD



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ner (5) 11 Profession of self-confidence (9) 12 A woman's nose starting

to show bristle? (3) 13 Turn out, always before time (5) 14 What doctors make, stir-

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25 The old gentleman is retired, by right (3) 26 One repast cooked with artificial tongue (9) 27 Even United turn out in the place for trial (5) Largish orderly (4) 29 Frequency with which

bike is included in mixed

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20 Active in light run, laid off (7) 21 Commandment from Thebes (6)

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rigged out without a hat? (7)

company which laid it. Bill Casimaty, managing director of Strathayr, which also laid surfaces at Sydney's Olympic Stadium and Melbourne Cricket Ground, in-

THE LEADING 14 clubs in BY ALAN NIXON

Clubs approve new

only five months after it was laid. They've had only five days of sunshine since June," he said. "When you get this ex-ceptional combination of no sun and a new pitch, it doesn't allow the roots to knit properly."

The Chelsea striker, Tore Andre Flo, said yesterday that he will sign a new contract despite having been the primary victim of manager Gianluca Vialli's rotation system. The Norwegian international made only his first Premiership start of the season against Wimbledon on Saturday but Chelsea have opened negotiations aimed at extending his

contract by five years. Fulham have signed Barry Havles for £2m from Bristol Rovers. The 26-year-old striker scored 26 goals last season as Rovers reached the Second Division play-offs.

Tim Flowers is unlikely to feature in Premiership action until the New Year, but the Blackburn and England goalkeeper will not need an operation. Flowers picked up a severe arm injury in training and missed both Blackburn's Worthington Cup victory at Newcastle and the Premiership defeat at Manchester United last week

His Derby counterpart, Russell Hoult, is set for a two-week lay-off after he was concussed in Monday night's 2-2 draw with Nottingham Forest.

The out-of-favour Aston Villa central defender, Riccardo Scimeca, has handed in a transfer request. The former England Under-21 captain has become spected the pitch yesterday, frustrated at the lack of first-

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Champions' League current campaign following the The Celtic striker Henrik

Larsson has been named as Sweden's Player of the Year. The Leeds manager David O'Leary admits he has still not received a single inquiry about his transfer-listed winger Lee Sharpe. Leeds' club record £4.5m signing was put up for sale last Thursday

Manchester City's unsettled midfielder, Michael Brown, is set for a £400,000 move to join Barnsley. The Spanish hardman,

Miguel Angel Nadal, is touting himself as the solution to Newcastle United's defensive problems. The 32-year-old defender, known as the "Beast of Barcelona", believes he could fulfil Newcastle's requirements. "I know that Newcastle Unit-

ed are looking for my type of player, and I would love to go to England and play for them," he said yesterday. "My agents have been in touch with Newcastle, and I'm told they could have reservations about my age but I am still only 32 and I know I have plenty to offer them."

Fifa has rescheduled the Confederations' Cup from January to July and August of next year, enabling France to take part. In another Fifa announcement, a spokesman said that only female referees will be used at the women's World Cup finals in the United States next year For their male counterparts, more emphasis will be placed on psychological wellbeing as well as physical fitness

in the future.

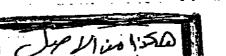
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# lina's big idea

The media world was rocked this year when Tina Brown stepped down as editor of The New Yorker. But why edit a mere magazine when you could make movies and millions too? In a rare interview, she outlines her plans for multimedia domination

have to work fast. You see, this short newspaper piece could become a 10,000-word magazine article which could in turn make a book; a TV spin-off; a blockbuster movie. Are you ready? It could be big. Here it is. Attractive English girl comes down from Oxford writing articles faster than people can read them; racy, witty, rude ("Janet Street-Porter dresses like a traffic light and talks like a Tannoy" gives you the idea). Goes through café

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society like a lawomower, wins Young Journalist of the Year, is given decrepit society magazine to run, and recklessly turns it into the *Totler*. Makes a daring transition to New York to be given decrepit literary magazine, Vanity Fair: reinventing celebrity journalism, she turns it into the hottest mag in America.

Then the East-Coast brahmins reel when she is given the rusting flagship of American jour-nalism, The New Yorker. In five years, she has repaired, repainted, remodelled and revitalised it, increasing its circulation by 270,000. Then, as one of the most respected editors in America (her resignation from The New Yorker made the front of the New York: Times - above the fold), she does the unthinkable, the indescribable - she quits

to go and work for Disney. At least, she goes to work for Miramax, which is owned by Disney. That is, she goes into partnership with the Weinstein brothers (who produced Pulp Fiction and so forth), and is given an equity position - an equity position! - in her own multimedia start-up company called Talk Media (which is a magazine from which articles can extend into books, TV specials, movies) with an investment of (I'm guessing) \$30 million. Would that work? Could that narrative make a big article, a book, or a film? Can we construe

the Tina Brown story as a guide to the zeitgeist New York media world, you conclude that Tina of the last three decades? How this tough, talented, and determined person bent three big brandnames to her will without even disturbing

her hairstyle? No, it is interesting. There's a star, a theme and a story. And its rhythm enjoys a natural crescendo, beginning with a 10,000-circulation Totler and finishing with an 800,000-circulation The New Yorker. The climax is original, too: Equity in a new media company – it's rare for creative people to get equity, especially for journalists. If the project works, Tina will be a multimillionairess. She will be a producer, a

power-broker, and a player. But first, let's start with the sour grapes. Editors of successful, high-circulation magazines don't usually quit tand previous editors of The

was heading towards \$2 million a year). Added to that, she had the staff she wanted and a rising circulation.

Of course, it was true that the title wasn't making money. In America, though, editors are rigorously excluded from the business end of the company. Tina increased the circulation by a third in five years - an enormous achievement - but there was a failure to sell advertising, and that was a matter exclusively for the magazine's publisher. To sell New Yorker advertising requires a world-class publisher.

Ron Galotti is such a world-class publisher and this is an opportune moment to mention that Ron Galotti was the publisher of Vanity Fair while Tina was editor. Between them, they brought the publication into profit in their last

#### BY SIMON CARR

a widely-held view in the British media that assumes Tina Brown was pushed from The New Yorker. Why else would she jump ship from America's No 1 weekly to go and work for the Weinstein brothers – "the gangsters", as Melvyn Bragg quakingly described them; the Pulp Fiction people. Harvey Weinstein is reputed to have locked a film producer in his hotel room for eight hours until he signed an important contract.
So, over breakfast in Manhattan, I ask Tina

about it. But she actually doesn't understand the question, or any variations of it. Pushed? Eased out? Paid off? She looks at me as though I must know something she's forgotten. Why would people be saying "pushed"? What does it mean?

No. At the time, she had on the table a new, five-year contract from Condé Nast's feudal overlord, the billionaire Si Newhouse, at a significantly increased salary. (Taking soundings round the

New Yorker never willingly quit). So there is quite year. Galotti resigned as publisher of Voque the same day Tina left The New Yorker, and for the same reason - to be a joint partner in Talk Media.

There was something else, though, that contributed to Tina's success at The New Yorker, and that is a surprising sense of caution, prudence, and carefully-considered action. For instance, while she let go of a total of 79 of the New Yorker's 120 editorial talent, she made very few of these changes in her first year. "I did take the time to figure out who was good," she says. "And because it's such an upsetting business, letting people go [as they call it]. I took a lot of care."

Of the problems of working for Si Newhouse, and the failures of The New Yorker's businessside, Tina has nothing to say. "Condé Nast was a terrific place to work and I wouldn't have changed a bar of it," she says crisply.

No, the record shows that far from being pushed, Tina didn't even jump. Instead, she

stepped onto a nicely fitted-out vessel she had carefully constructed to start this new venture; this new magazine; this new type of magazine.

"Tolk," she says, "is a cultural search engine."
That is, a magazine which publishes narratives, columns, profiles, features which may be developed further into other genres: books, films, and TV shows. At the last count, there have been 18 movie projects that have originated from Van-

ity Frir and New Yorker articles.

"At the moment, someone writes a magazine article and uses that as a proposal for a publisher to get a book commission, and the movie rights are sold without any benefit to the original magazine publishers. The Talk Media-concept has all those necessary resources round the same table - the director of publishing [Jonathan Burnham], the director of television production [Gabe Doppelt]. And, of course, there's Harvey and Bob for the movies."

Why the name Talk Media? "It's everything people talk about. It's subtitled: "The American Conversation'. The time has come for a big American mag. When you look back at McCall's, in its heyday they were publishing Sylvia Plath. There was a time when you could get high quality writing to a wide audience. I think that the time is right for that again:"

Talk Media will be a big, monthly consumer magazine, with a planned launch of 100,000 subscriptions, and which will sit on the newsstands alongside Vanity Fair, initially selling 500,000 copies. It's ambitious, and it represents a whole new dimension for Tina. To have equity in a magazine selling half a million copies a month is a new order of operation. "Tve always been interested in producing," she says. "Maybe it's because editors have a producer gene, this desire to make things happen. But I decided I shouldn't give up my expertise in print. Harvey (Weinstein) offered me everything - print, TV, Continued on page 8

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#### Iraq's travails

Sir: Once again the United States has manufactured a "crisis" out of Iraq's desperate plea to have eight years of genocidal trade sanctions lifted, and once again the coverage of this issue in the popular press has conformed perfectly to the classic definition of propaganda. How many layers of lies must reporters and editors wade through before it dawns on them that they might be getting a distorted picture - and thus may be misleading their readers with information that's highly biased or

wholly fabricated? Did Saddam do anything that could reasonably be interpreted as aggression? Were there threats of any kind coming from Iraq? Is it reasonable to think that Iraq might invade Kuwait again, or might launch an attack on another of its neighbours? Is there any evidence at all that iraq is still trying to develop the "weapons of mass destruction" we keep hearing about, or that there may be a stash of them hidden away somewhere?

It seems to me that all of the threats and aggression have come from Washington. Iraq has done nothing at any time during the past eight years except try to get the sanctions lifted. We need to remember that these sanctions were originally meant to last only until Iraq pulled out of Kuwait. They remain in place today only because the US - through bribery and arm-twisting - got the UN to extend them with a new set of conditions.

The US has since added another condition: the overthrow of Saddam Hussein. No matter how much more suffering the Iraqi people must endure, no matter how many more thousands of Iraqi children must die, the US will not allow the lifting of sanctions until Iraq has a new and fully "compliant" president.

This is not what I call liberation. This is what I call fascism. Dr THOMAS ANDERSON Summerland, British Columbia. Canada

Sir: How wonderful that, at least today, our weapons of mass destruction will not be creating

death and devastation in Iraq.

May we hope that our government will decide to work genuinely within and for the United Nations, and that instead of so slavishly following the US lead we will take more account of the views of other member states, and make full use of Mr Kofi Annan's valuable services? Dr EVA TREGILLUS Reeth, North Yorkshire

Sir: Those like Ellen Collins (letter, 16 November) who accuse the Government of hypocrisy in its dealings with Saddam Hussein and point to a contradiction with the sentiments of Remembrance Day are seriously misreading one of the obvious parallels of modern history.

Like Hitler. Saddam Hussein is not just a politician, or even a criminal politician, he is a political criminal whose pursuit of power is marked by appalling brutality and bloodshed. Having achieved national dominance by such means, both men went on to challenge the international community in a similar way. The lack of opposition to, even sympathy for, Hitler's reannexation of the Rhineland both surprised and emboldened him to go further, opposing international agreement by force, just as Saddam Hussein has done with Iran, the Kurds and the annexation of Kuwait.

The pretext for Hitler's larger ambition of destroying communism and Jewish capitalism" by appealing to pseudo-racial theory is echoed in Saddam Hussein's confrontation of Western capitalism and Zionism by a sham manipulation of religious ideology Both men had the will and means to satisfy their criminal medalemania discuised as political idealism. Unfortunately, the only way to

curtail such people is through the resolute exercise of greater power.

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Inside Time No 3: Cambridgeshire circuit magistrates are given a conducted tour of 'A' wing, in the third of our series of photographs from HMP Whitemoor to mark Prisoners Week

Hitler could have been stopped long before events reached apocalyptic proportions. The same must not happen with Saddam Hussein. D KIRKHAM Manchester

Sir: I was an unimportant soldier in Malaya, but had to fire the customary volleys over a fellow soldier's grave. I protest most vehemently at Ellen Collins's denigrating his, and other servicemen's, sacrifice in order to oppose action against Iraq.

Remembrance Day is for all people who have died in war since 1914. Although the causes of the First World War are complex. Britain's hands were pretty clean: we went in against an aggressor. Our main moral failure in the Thirties was not fighting Hitler sooner. We were against possibly the most evil dictatorship ever, and would have suffered terribly had we lost and the rest of Europe would have fared even worse than it did. The only reason for saying Nazism was "possibly" the worst is that Stalin's and Chinese communism are close contenders for the title. We, in Malaya, preserved the country from that.

British servicemen did not die "to satisfy the vanity of a few powerful men". They were preserving all our freedom, and the very lives of many. Ms Collins should ask her history teacher to teach her some history.

There are arguments against bombing Iraq. Give them, but do not insult the dead. D WATERTON

#### The modern army

Sir. As a serving NCO with the Parachute Regiment I am writing to express the increasing concern of the most experienced members of the Parachute Regiment and the army in general over the current trend for outside bodies to try and bring the armed forces into line

with civilian corporations. The current obsession with racial and sexual equality and the possible relaxation of restrictions on homosexuality at the expense of all other issues is causing dismay and morale problems which could decrease the effectiveness of frontline troops. The civilianisation of the armed forces is likely to result in the most professional army in the world becoming the most politically correct but laughable

army in the world. Many people, including senior officers who care more about their next promotion than the continuing ability of the forces, seem unable to accept that we are not like any civilian corporation or indeed any other public service such as the police or fire service. We are accountable but also unique. No other section of the British nation is required to kill people as part of its job description or to accept its continuing existence as subordinate to the good of the state.

If the British people wish us to come into line with civilian organisations, they will have to

accept that we will then expect the same privileges, such as trade unions and overtime, replicating the Dutch forces which, although undoubtedly politically correct, are also militarily inept. But if the British people wish to retain an army which is both professional and effective, they will allow us to train realistically, emphasising the rigours and brutality of warfare without distracting us with political correctness. Cpl MARCUS FLAVINIUS

Life from space? Sir: Recent comments on the crossing of the Leonid meteor stream have all overlooked an interesting and potentially complex organic molecules at the very least have been life on this planet. There also

Aldershot, Hampshire

important consequence. It is now widely accepted that comets carry including amino acids, that might connected with the beginnings of serious discussions in progress in scientific circles of the even more

radical possibility of cometary

panspermia of the type we

pioneered in the late 1970s.

The importance of the present crossing of the Leonids is that the source, comet Tempel-Tuttle (which has a period of 33 years). came closest to the sun on the last occasion only nine months ago. and so the Earth will be in receipt of freshly evaporated cometary particles over the next few days. Spectacular meteor showers are caused by the entry of particles of 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment sizes typically larger than a grain of sand which burn as they plough into the Earth's high atmosphere at a speed of some 70 kilometres

per second. Besides these larger particles, the meteor stream will also contain, perhaps in comparable mass, a population of bacterialsized particles. We have shown that particles of the size of micrococci or smaller, travelling at 70 kilometres per second, would be flash-heated to temperatures up to about 500 Kelvin for brief intervals of the order of seconds, after which they will be slowed down to reach the stratosphere. (See for instance

> Professor Sir FRED HOYLE Cardiff University

staggering 10<sup>23</sup>!

Professor CHANDRA

WICKRAMASINGHE

our book Diseases from Space,

demonstrated that bacteria retain

viability under such conditions of

Laboratory experiments have also

shown that bacteria that become

deactivated through exposure to

after nine months in orbit) are

easily reactivated, through the

operation of enzymes, when the

source of radiation is removed.

Tempel-Tuttle reaching the Earth

The average daily input of

estimated at about 50 tonnes. A

of a million tonnes. If as little as

the total number of microbes

10,000-fold increase in this quantity

over a couple of days seems likely,

leading to a total mass of the order

one part in a thousand of this is in

the form of viable microorganisms,

drifting down to the Earth will be a

cometary dust to the Earth is

Thus the possibility of viable

microorganisms from comet

cannot be ruled out.

ultraviolet light (as might happen

flash heating in a near vacuum.

In several laboratory

experiments it has been

JM Dent 1979.)

Vote for Jenkins Sir: I have waited two generations for fairer representation at general elections with a Tory candidate usually succeeding on a minority vote. The Jenkins AV plus at last gives hope, so I am dismayed at the short-sightedness (or is it inexperience?) of some of New Labour's MPs. Their thinking appears seriously to underestimate the power of the Tory press. They do so at their peril! Aged 83, I've seen it all and am hoping for one last chance to change the colour in this constituency, which has been blue for the whole of my lifetime. I am very conscious, though, that Rupert only has to lift his finger. H G BUSBY Oxford

#### **Animal rights**

Sir: The announcement that the Government is to end the vivisection of animals to test cosmetics and ingredients is excellent news. However, forgive my scepticism: it may not be as watertight a ban as initial reports imply.

Many ingredients used in cosmetics are also used in other products such as pharmaceutical and household goods. The Government supports the testing of these products on animals, and their ingredients, and so whether we can be sure that the money we pay for toiletries will not fund animal tests still seems a cloudy issue.

Secondly, the law forbids any experimental animal use if there is any other non-animal method, or it is not clearly "essential" for human or animal medicine. It doesn't take much of a study of the subject to see that this is regularly disregarded, and the most ludicrous of experiments are done. Can we expect the new law to be similarly forgotten?

Regardless of the cruelty issue, cosmetics testing on animals was stopped because it was irrelevant. The rabbit with concentrated shampoo in its differently structured eye, with no tears, for several days bore no relation to a human mishap in the shower.

Now the Government must extend this inevitable truth to the wider issue of laboratory animal use. It is true that animals suffer from different illnesses and react differently to drugs. Many human treatments fail lab animal tests. and many dangerous substances pass with flying colours when tested on animals. Such a haphazard method is worse than useless.

If the Government wishes to honour all election pledges, it must look into the very convincing claim that animals and humans cannot be compared medicinally and the entire flawed system should be abandoned in favour of more reliable science. CRIS ILES-WRIGHT Farnborough, Hampshire

#### No to homework

Sir: I was interested to read that I don't count. I refer to your editorial ("Some welcome revision from Mr Blunkett", 11 November) saying that everybody agrees that children should do homework. I do not. I hated it as a child and am proud that I did as little as possible. I had a miserable time at school; why should I have given myself miserable evenings as well?

There should be a complete ban on homework in primary schools. It should be voluntary in secondary ones. No pupil should have to do actual lessons for more than five hours a day, five days a week - let teachers use their professional skills to cram everything pupils need to know into school hours by dropping religious education, gym and some non-academic subjects if need be. And let this apply to

private schools as well. When I read of the "school homework-bed," lifestyle which the likes of Tony Blair, David Blunkett and Jack Straw want to impose on Britain's children, I'm reminded of the song "Where Did My Childhood Go?"

Let children spend their time outside school doing what interests them, be it reading. watching TV. listening to music. part-time jobs, playing sport, pursuing knowledge or pursuing the opposite sex. As for the idea that you have to succeed at school to succeed in life, that is, quite simply, a lie. Many of the people I most admire "failed" at school. **MARK TAHA** London N16

#### Cock-a-hoop

Sir: Andrew Marr (Monitor. 16 November: describes Saddam Hussein as "a practised cocksnooker". True, he has cocked many a successful snook - he is a snook-cocker without peer. But a cock-snooker? How many cocks has he successfully snooked? EDWARD H HUTTON

### employment (report,

Most jobs available to students are evening and weekend jobs which prevent students from being able fully to immerse themselves in university life.

16 november).

Sir: Student workers lose more

than marks by taking part-time

This has led to a two-tier educational system, with those with the financial backing able to enjoy all the clubs, societies and activities, helping to build on social skills and contacts which will be vital when graduation comes.

Less well-off students are left to serve them in the pubs and restaurants. MICHAEL HORSLEY Edinburah

### IN BRIEF

Sir: The decision by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to recognise the Loyalist Volunteer Force's so-called ceasefire (report. 13 November), so as to put pressure on the IRA to begin . decommissioning, has rightly been described by Northern Ircland's Deputy First Minister, Seamus Mallon, as "facile". The freeing of those responsible for recent vicious sectarian murders in a matter of months will surely do nothing to reassure the nationalist community that their concerns are being taken seriously. J P MURPHY Birmingham

Sir: Mr Nigel Tattersfield's Historical Notes (16 November) overlook the slave trade in East Africa. Here again, local Africans took part, selling slaves to the Portuguese and Arabs at Zanzibar. Dr Livingstone estimated in the mid-19th century that 50,000 slaves were sold through that market and that, for every slave sold, four had died on the way to the coast. Some 250,000 people were, therefore, being extracted from Uganda. Tanzania and elsewhere. Once sold, they were shipped by dhow up to Saudi Arabia. The Sultan of Muscat had "and Zanzibar" as part of his title. WR HAINES Shrewsbury

### Though loth to crow it, I soon may be a bay-crowned poet

I RECEIVED a letter from Buckingham Palace the other day, written in conditions of extreme secreey, so secret that I must ask all my readers to keep the following information to themselves, and to any people they happen to talk to. The letter was headed: "Appointment to the Poet Laureateship", and read as follows:

<sup>2</sup>Dear Sir or Madam. We are bleased to announce that you have been selected as an applicant for the vacant post of Poet Laureate. and it you send us a cheque for \$100. you can be considered seriously for the next stage of selection."

Well. I have to say that this was not quite how I envisaged the Poet Laureate being chosen. If I had thought about it at all. I imagined that it was done via a series of informal chats beaind the scenes

drink do you know? Nothing worse than a drunken poet. Imagine having Dylan Thomas as Poet Laureate! Still, at least the Queen Mother would have someone to talk to..." and not as a job you applied for. But it was a chance that might never come again, so I sent off my cheque mayable, for some reason, to the Next Big Royal Fire Fund) and was duly summoned to the Palace for the preliminary auditions.

If I had envisaged a series of individual interviews, perhaps conducted by the Queen herself. I was sadly mistaken. There was a crowd of about a hundred people there, all milling mund saying hello to each other shyly if they didn't know each other and saying hello loud-

I recognised Roger McGough

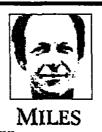
"This chap Hughes - does he and John Hegley and Ian McMillan the Barnsley poet, and Clive James, and Ian Hislop standing rather apart in one corner with four or five tough-looking gentlemen...

"Who are the blokes with Ian Hislop," I asked Roger McGough. "His bodyguards? His scriptwriting team for Have I Got News For You? And what connection does he have with poetry?"

"I believe that's the syndicate he leads that writes E J Thribb's poems in Private Eye," said Mc-Gough. "Oh, hello, Tim..."

This was in greeting to the imposing figure of Sir Tim Rice, who was graciously moving among the crowd selling copies of his latest book. All Time Great Cricketing Chart-Toppers.

"i wouldn't have thought you needed either the mosey or the



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'If you send us a cheque for £100 you can be considered for the next stage of selection'

title." I said. "Or the kudos, come "I don't, dear boy," said the great lyric-writer affably. "In fact, I am not even on the shortlist. I just happened to be passing by and thought it seemed a nice party, so I came on in..." I was just about to ask how he

happened to be passing by in Buckingham Palace, when a tall official came in and banged for silence. Thank you all for coming

today," he said, "May I just say a few introductory words? This will be a very casual affair, just to see if we have the necessary calibre of people here for the post. It is not an onerous post, just a few occasional verses a year. But you know what poets are. Ask them to produce and they may be still promising the manuscript a year later. So in a moment I'm going to ask you to write, impromptu, a poem on Prince Charles's 50th birthday."

"Should it be for or against?" said a voice from the crowd. and there was general laughter. Even the official failed to scowl.

"Alas, poor Mr Hughes died too soon," he said. "Before he could do some celebratory verses, I mean. And while I am on the subject of the late Ted Hughes, I must stress that the next Poet Laureate's private life should be blameless. The Queen is well aware that, in connection with Mr Hughes, Sylvia Plath has always received more publicity than she has. She would prefer it if the next Laureate did not have tragic deaths hanging over him."

There was a sudden buzz of conversation, as we all tried to remember how many suicides we had each been responsible for. The official called for silence again. "Now for the test poems..."

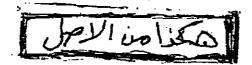
"One moment!"

The speaker was a powerful looking man whom I dimly recalled having seen on some late night BBC2 programme.
"I think I speak for everyone

when I say that poets should not be subjected to talent tests like secretaries or chorus dancers. We are content to be judged by our printed works. I for one am not stay. ing for any demeaning audition!

There was a growl of agreement and to the official's surprise, the assembled poets rose and followed their leader out of the room, presumably down to the nearest pub. Only the official and I were left facing each other.

"Your name" he asked. I won't say what followed next Suffice it to say that things are look. ing very hopeful for me.



### Trust defeats hunt lobby on stag ban

MOVES BY a rebel group to overturn the National Trust's ban on stag hunting on its lands were overwhelmingly

defeated last night.
Almost 40,000 National Trust members rejected calls by a breakaway group to raise the ban. The group, Friends of the National Trust (Font) a broadly pro-hunting lobby, had accused the Trust of failing to stand up for the countryside and ignoring the wishes of major land donors when it banned bunting.

The vote in Cardiff came after one of the stormiest sue party," he said. Annual General Meetings in the Trust's 103-year history, at which it was accused of "betrayal" and "urban political correctness".

A resolution claiming that the ban on stag hunting violated the wishes of Sir Richard Acland, who transferred his West Country estate to the Trust on the condition that stag hunting would continue on his Holnicote Estate, was rejected by 36,795 votes to 23,885.

A second resolution criticising the National Trust for its "failure to stand up for the countryside and its way of life" was rejected, as was a third resolution, which attacked the Trust for being over-bureau-cratic and called for a review of its general policy.

The results were welcomed by Charles Nunneley, chairman of the Trust, who said the number of people voting reflected the general indifference felt by the rank and file membership towards Foot.

"If our members had felt genuinely that we had pursued the wrong policy this would have provided the perfect opportunity for them to say so," Mr Nunneley said. However, he admitted the

resolutions had caused the ruling general council to look "carefully once again at our policy" and he said that the council was acutely aware of the financial bardships faced by many of its 700 tenant farmers. However, Baroness Ann Mallalieu QC, a leading mem-

ber of Font, felt that the Trust

could not ignore the 23,000

BY MARK ROWE

members who had voted to supportFont's actions.

Font also had sought election for seven of its members to the Trust's policy-making ruling council. In the event, just one, Hugh van Cutsem, a shooting companion of Prince Charles, was elected.

He said that his success showed that Font's view was worth listening to on a number of issues. "This sends a message that we're not just a single is

The ban on stag hunting was implemented last year, after an academic study found hunting caused deer great

The Trust and anti-hunt pressure groups claimed Font was a single-issue group and criticised the Font members who stood for election for failing to declare their involvement in hunting.

Font member Richard Clegg QC said the ban on stag huntng violated the wishes of Sir Richard Acland, when he donated his Holnicote estate, as he had said the gift was conditional on the sport being continued on the land.

Mr Clegg told the meeting Sir Richard had informed the National Trust that to overrule him would be a betrayal of his wishes, and therefore the Trust was guilty of "broken promises

Amid jeering and calls of "rubbish" he claimed that since stag hunting was banned in the West Country, deer numbers had dropped by 40 per cent and National Trust stalkers had shot far more stags than hunts had ever killed. "Stag hunting is the life blood of the moor. he said.

However, Jacob Simon. speaking on behalf of the Trust's council, said Sir Richard's wish was not legally binding.

"Given the compelling scientific evidence, the continuation of deer hunting is not compatible with the Trust's responsibilities," he said. "The Trust's obligations must come before the personal feelings of the minority who hunt."

Crème de vollaille, oesf poché Saumon põelė, hetteraves Two 50 centilitre bottles of One glass of house white wine Total: (including 20.6 per cent VAT)

## 'Where's the haggis?' sniffs French diner as Conran opens in Paris

'ALCAZAR? It looks more like The most surprising thing about Alcatraz." said the balding Frenchman at the next table. "No I don't mean it. I'm just trying to adopt an English sense of humour to go with the food, How am I doing?"

The Alcazar, Sir Terence Conran's attempt to outbrasserie the French on their home territory, opened its doors to the public in the heart of the Left Bank of Paris yesterday. Despite a minimalist response by the French press (much less entertained by the idea than the British press), Sir Terence filled all 218 tables for lunch by 1.15pm.

The consensus of opinion among the handful of lunchgoers I spoke to was that the food was "correct" but unexciting: the ambience pleasant

but oddly, er, French. One could see their point.

Sir Terence Conran's great adventure - bringing his acclaimed London brasserie formula to Paris - is how unsurprising and how unadventurous it is. Having set out to prove something, the Alcatraz does not seem to have

anything much to prove. It is not so squashed as French bistros; the waiters are younger and more numerous but not as rude or humorous; the menu is shorter and the wine list has (something unheard of in Paris) a few New World wines.

The design is brighter and airier than the older Parisian brasseries, such as La Coupole, but not so different from the newer ones. There is an open kitchen down one side and black chairs and maroon, upholstered benches and brown FROM JOHN LICHFIELD in Paris

pebbly tiles. It has a vaguely institutional Thirties, Great Gatsbyish feel, as if one were eating in the first-class dining room of a pre-war ocean liner.

The food (cheaper than in London Conran eateries) looked fresh and wonderful, as if lovingly prepared from photographs rather than recipes. Lunch for two without much wine cost F553 (about £60). I had chicken soup with a poached egg and undetectable truffles followed by monkfish in saffron and pastry. It tasted fine but unexciting. Safe. Even dull. Like French food prepared for

an American palate. Why is there not even one traditional British-type dish? This absence irritated at least one French luncher. "Where

can one get decent haggis in Paris, can you tell me please?" he asked plaintively.

I confess that, as a devotee of old-fashioned cooking, from cassoulet to bacon, egg and chips (though I draw the line at haggis), I went along determined to be unimpressed. I succeeded easily enough. My wife, who is much shrewder and always right about such things, thought that Sir Terence had got it just about right: not so un-French as to put off the very conservative French, but sufficiently different to become a trendy place for weekday lunches and weekend

One sole, elderly male diner. whom I accosted in the gents, said he had been happy enough with his food but not "épaté" (astonished). "I came expecting to be either disgusted or delighted. I was neither. I suppose

it will succeed well enough." The food critic of Le Figuro, François Simon, said: "It's cooking so careful that it's almost insignificant ... which is quite an art. It's a timorous response to the tastes of the time; we were led to expect something more audacious. But it's well thought out. It's cooking dressed up like a pop song, very professional, and catchy

Despite having gone to such lengths to fit in, Sir Terence has managed to upset the restaurant cosa nostra of Paris. In an interview in the magazine Elle, he said that service in many Parisian restaurants was "deplorable" and the food often "mediocre". The Alcazar, thus he implied, would be neither.

Such comments were the height of bad manners, retorted Jean-Paul Bucher of the Groupe Flo (which owns traditional brasseries as well as newer ones, of the Couran variety). "When you are invited to someone else's house, you bring a bunch of flowers for madame and you

say the food is good, even when it isn't. This [Conran's] is the bebaviour of a nerd." One surprise was that yesterday's opening-day clientele was more elderly than the traditional Conran clientele at his London brasseries such as Quaglino's. There were many people in their fifties; a handful of mums being treated by sons. Overall, the lunchers were oldish, trendyish, Leftish

in other words typical

Parisian Left-bankers of the

well-heeled 1990s kind, not the

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### **PANDORA**

PADDY ASHDOWN may have won the first round in his effort to convince the Liberal Democrats to accept closer policy links with the Labour government, but only after he lost a vote of censure by the party's federal executive on Monday. The executive body censured Paddy for "lack of consultation" on a matter of "party strategy which is constitutionally the remit of the federal executive". Lib Dem spin-doctoring skills must be improving, because the censure vote received no publicity yesterday, while the vote to endorse the joint constitutional committee received wide news coverage. The censure is echoed by an

internal poll carried out on

the Lib Dem's e-mail facility

that showed a clear majority

of party members unhappy

with the lack of consultation

and a 60-10 rejection of last week's joint Blair-Ashdown announcement. As one Lib Dem MP said, "We weren't so much bounced as treated like mushrooms, left in the dark and covered in manure." "UNLIKE MANY Eurosceptics in this country, I am both a francophile and a germanophile." proprietor Conrad Black wrote in The Daily Telegraph in July. Pandora can confirm Express wants to project. Black's ardour for our industrious German cousins, having learned that

he now prints the Telegraph's Saturday magazine in Germany. Huge lorryloads of bound copies of this excellent glossy supplement are sent weekly from Dresden to England. Meanwhile, the leader pages of Black's newspaper continue to deride the "Left-leaning" German government of Chancellor Schröder along with Germany's economy, which the Telegraph believes is under "severe stress". How decent of Mr. Black, a Canadian, to send a bit of lucrative business across the Rhine, although Pandora wonders what his Eurosceptical readers will

CHANNEL 4 - once lambasted by ethics exemplar Paul Johnson for its "culture of filth" - may be about to break one of the last remaining sexual taboos it hasn't already explored after the bestiality may be on next year. Channel 4 confirmed to

make of this gesture.

Pandora that currently considering a proposal to make a programme on bestiality submitted by an independent production company to

the science department. It's just "one of several being looked at for next year", according to the Channel 4 spokeswoman, who added. We don't know how it is going to be treated." Of course, any treatment of this bizarre subject is bound to be distressing and controversial And likely to capture a huge

IN AN article described as 'a scurrilous piece" and without a shred of public interest" by media critic Roy Greenslade, the Express on Sundau published, on 1 November, an interview with a socalled "close friend" of Peter Mandelson. The piece enraged Mandelson. provoked widespread criticism outside the newspaper and angered editor Rosie Boycott, who has launched ber own investigation to find out who was responsible. The inquiry's latest discovery: the photograph of the "friend" published on page 7 was doctored to remove the man's hand from the foreground. It had been raised to ward off the unwelcome attentions of the Express's photographer hardly the style of scurrilous tabloid journalism the "new"

IT'S A feud made in American celebrity heaven: the Kennedys vs the Streisands. Back in 1978, Jackie Onassis Kennedy went into a real estate investment deal with Sheldon Streisand, brother of egocentric singer Barbra. The lion's share of the profits from the investment of \$780,000 went into trust for John F Kennedy Jr (pictured) and his sister Caroline. Recently, however, the Kennedy kids have filed suit in Manhattan Supreme Court against Sheldon for having allegedly "engaged in a pattern of self-dealing and deceitful concealment in an effort to steal the economic value of the partnership". The case goes to trial on 23 November.

In the meantime, matineeidol-handsome JFK Jr is reported to be keen on launching his television career via a broadcast version of his eccentric, notvery-profitable political

magazine George. Network producers are salivating at the prospect, while one observer told the NY Daily News. "This could be the perfect way for him to start easing into politics." So it goes on the other side of the

Atlantic, where actually standing for election is the least promising way of launching a political

Don't drop your tights, Lord Irvine NOW, IS he absolutely sure about

this? The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine, fresh from establishing his credentials as an upholder of Heritage Britain in a small matter of some hand-blocked wallpaper, is, appears, somewhat less historically minded in the matter of hosiery. After a little gentle pressure from the incumbent, the relevant committee of the House of Lords, ratified by the House itself, recommended that the Lord Chancellor should no longer have to wear tights, breeches and buckled shoes when sitting on the Woolsack. When speaking in his role as a minister in the House, he will be excused the full-bottomed wig and gown.

It is certainly a very absurd sort of outfit, making the Lord Chancellor resemble one of Charles IT's mistresses in a gold lamé dressing gown. And, it must be said, Lord Irvine of Lairg looks even more absurd in it than most Lord Chancellors; it perfectly accentuates his slightly spaniel aspect. But absurdity has its uses, though, perhaps through tact, none of the speakers in the debate in the House of Lords yesterday touched on its most



#### PHILIP HENSHER

Dressed like a glittering beadle, he can blame his true ludicrousness on something else

obvious benefit to the Lord Chancellor. The fact is that, dressed up like a glittering beadle, he can blame his patent ludicrousness on something else, and if small children how at him, throw stones or simply start laughing, he can reassure himself that it's just what the office obliges him to wear. In a suit, the Lord Chancellor would be naked. The debaters in the House of

Lords limited themselves to more conventional arguments. Lord Ferrers, for the opposition, said that it was a matter of tradition and standards, a part of our country since time immemorial, the druids themselves blah blah blah. The Government side went on about new exciting modernity; one peer said, amazingly, that not to change would be to "lose the people's confidence in the House of Lords". A bit late for

that, one might have thought. Lord Irvine's desire to get rid of a certain amount of flummery follows in the line of some distinguished precedents. When Betty Boothroyd took over as Speaker of the Commons, she announced bluntly that she wasn't going to wear the full-bottomed wig, and nobody suggested that a debate need be held or committee set up to discuss the matter, I mean, who would have dared? Chris Patten, going as the last Governor to Hong Kong, declined the offer of the traditional ostrich-plumed hat.

But before Lord Irvine starts thinking that he can follow in these distinguished precedents and start sitting on the Woolsack in his usual

ought really to take a realistic look at himself and at the general dignity of his profession. Madam Speaker Boothroyd was not someone who was ever going to need any kind of assistance from ceremonial dress or who derived any part of her grand authority from a big wig. When she was appointed, the respect, not to say awe, in which she was held by

Similarly, Chris Patten, arriving Hong Kong, must have realised that this was not a moment to start going on about authority, tradition and the ancient customs of the imperial Governors, and that, if he had no dignity in himself, no number of slaughtered ostriches could possibly help him to establish it.

most members of the Commons was

kept order in a pair of hotpants and

a bowler hat.

I rather fear, though, that Chris Patten and Betty Boothroyd are not examples that Lord Irvine can dream of emulating. It is not that he, or the legal profession - for he must be thinking, at least, of letting judges and barristers follow his

single-breasted grey worsted, he apparent absurdity. It is more that the profession needs all the external absurdity it can get.

Everyone knows that most of the opinions of the House of Lords aren't worth the paper they are written on. We accept their views. as we would accept, unquestioning. the views of lunatics, because they issue from a bunch of old men in extraordinary fancy dress, presided over by a man in tights and buckles. And, once the wigs go, and the gilt such that, frankly, she could have and the buckles, once judges preside over their courts dressed much as everyone else in the room, perhaps everyone else in the room will listen to the extraordinary manners and opinions held by the legal profession in a different way. Not as the sort of thing that any man, once he puts on a pair of tights, might start to say, but just as the opinion held by another human being, and one

which may be argued with. The problem is that large parts of the legal profession are absurd and undignified. If I were in it, I public discovering that its absurdity does not reside in the clothes that

# Monica's put on weight. Now that really is unacceptable...

AMERICA HAS always wanted its own Diana, Princess of Wales, Now it is going to get one.

The President's most troublesome squeeze has just signed a book deal with Andrew Morton, the ghost-writer who channelled the late Princess's unhappiness into the public domain

Apparently, Mr Morton and Monica Lewinsky met, looked into each others eyes and "saw something in each other". Dollar signs, probably. Mr Morton will be Ms Lewinsky's most effective make-over artist.

By the time he is finished with her, she will have hidden depths. We will get to know the Monica we never knew. She will become an icon for jilted women everywhere. Camille Paglia will write a polemical defence or attack - it matters not which - of her. She will give a tear-drenched TV interview. Shortly afterwards, there will be a Monica relaunch, in a sober suit and shorter hair, as a women who wants to be Taken Seriously From Now On.

But all of this is in the future. First Monica must do what America expects, indeed demands. She must lose weight. Monica's increased size Fit" (geddit?) and detailed her is regarded as a sign of her moral doesn't have any discernible muscles," was the leak from personal trainers hired to oversee the downsizing. Shame, horror. humiliation.

New York has a new sport: Monica hunting. It works like this. You seek out that curtain of black hair and well-upholstered form in order to pass instant, negative judgement. The Daily News has printed a helpful map of her haunts. Manhattan is the largest village in the world, so it is actually very hard not to meet America's most discussed woman.

She was one day behind me last week at the hairdressers, one ahead at the Metropolitan Club and a few



#### **ANNE MCELVOY**

She behaved like a sad. stressed, deserted human being. She broke the rules and got fat

restaurants away for lunch, "Why," mused a puzzled American friend, "does she go out to eat so much when she's so fat?" Staying home in purdah would, of course, be required behaviour at this point.

One tabloid called her "a portly pepperpot". Another headlined her restaurant outburst at gawping waiters and customers "Monica's Big meal's calorie count. You do not have the transference here. Monica has sinned. She was a willing sexual adventuress and now she has tuned into an over-sized slattern. Thin America, which is to say respectable middle class America, finds her "gross" in both her sexual willingness and her large appetite for comfort food. To be an over-weight female is deemed normal only for the poor ethnic minorities or the struggling white residents of trailer parks

It was Bill Clinton's good fortune that his weakness for sexual as well as alimentary gratification should at- of the unspeakable acts in the Oval tract a wide coalition of forgivers. Liberals stood by a Democrat, how-

ever tarnished, rather than give their Republican enemies a scaip. Constitutional Conservatives fretted that pressing for impeachment would undermine the dignity of the Presidency. I now find myself in a minority, outside the wider shores of Republican fundamentalism in Little Nowheresville, which believes that the President's behaviour was consistently wrong, that he misled America and sought to cover up his misdemeanours. The kind of President who gets oral sex while discussing policy on Bosnia on the phone shows that he cares yery lit-

tle for Bosnia He doesn't seem to believe in anything much else either, besides the importance of remaining in office. For a Democrat, the traditional defenders of the poor, he has allowed some pretty unpleasant things to be said about Paula Jones when she accused him of harassment. Remember the smear of his aides about Ms nes's law suit: "That's what you get when you drag a hundred dollar

bill through a trailer park." Ms Jones has just found \$850,000 in settlement from Mr Clinton. She deserves it for sticking with her case for so long while the White House undermine her. Clinton's tireless battle for personal survival has ended any chance of achieving the reforms he promised. He messed up the change to health care, the one that really mattered. For all the Democrats' triumphalism about holding up in the recent Congressional elections, it is Republicans who are setting the reform agenda in welfare and education and determining the future of social policy in America.

But he has luck like dogs have fleas. The media hyped up rumours office, but the TV networks and newspapers shied away from de-



New York has a new sport: Monica-hunting

tailing the sexual contact between Ms Lewinsky and Mr Clinton. The gap between expectation and actual reporting of the Starr report was so wide that he could emerge as a regular, rueful guy who fumbled around a bit, and carry on as before.

Monica, on the other hand, is still in the purgatory of public opinion. She is alone in a crowd of agents, trainers, publishers, busybodies. She is disliked by middle American women offering married men instant satisfaction at the drop of a thong and despised by middle American men as an easy lay. All her hunger for celebrity cannot shield her from the universal mockery.

For the tabloids, she is too fat. For up-market columnists like the New York Times's Maureen Dowd, she is an inelegant parody of seductresses such as the late Pamela Harriman, who had the sexual morals of a tomcat but is lauded in a new book for being more rich, more sophisticated and more cunning than the naive Ms Lewinsky.

It is a commonly held British be-

lief that America is a classless society. It is not America has replaced class with status as the central ordering principle but it reinforces its chosen hierarchy with ruthlessness. "The problem with this scandal is not illicit sex," writes Ms Dowd. "It is that we need a better class of illicit sex ... Pamela would have been appalled by Monica. One talked in the deep rolling cadences of Winston Churchill, the other like a Valley mall rat,"

Ms Lewinsky actually has quite a nice voice, but as far as the New York establishment is concerned, she is an inexperienced ingenue and therefore must sound horrible. Meanwhile Ms Harriman, a

scheming, pampered and manipulative woman, is glorified by Ms Dowd as "a disciplined siren ... She never admitted to being dumped, she simply picked herself up and moved on to the next target." Monica cried and whined, cared too much, talked too much and ate to much. She behaved like a sad, stressed, deserted human being. She broke the rules and got fat. That will never do.

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### Zero-tolerance for racism

perience of your American colleagues. Despite enormous differences between our two societies and the nature of our respective problems. What worked for us may not be appropriate for you in every case, but there are enough similarities in our two experiences that you might find what I have to say somewhat interesting.

We began with a no-tolerance attitude with respect to racism in the armed forces. Racist language was banned. expressions of racist beliefs in any manner or displays were eliminated, and we were vicious and we are vicious to this should be. day. Any overt expression of racism had to be absolutely crushed; those days were over, everybody gets treated the

same, with respect. We instituted Black History Month and Soul Food Dinner Night, we put black products in our post exchanges and our other clubs. All of these were ways to educate and show that differences were natural and understandable, and not sources of conflict, break down

the stereotypes. Remember, share with you the ex- integration does not mean assimilation, we are not asking blacks to become whites, we our common heritage there are are just saying understand one another, we are all members of the family, with our differences, and we can be very, very proud of those differences. The greatest challenge that

we had was the development of black leaders in the officer and non-commissioned officer corps. When I became a second lieutenant in 1958, there were no black generals in the armed forces of the United States. Now we have some 40 generals and admirals at any one time and nothing seems unusual any more with respect to minorities. That is the way it

Luckily we had a large group of historically black colleges given to us by the first period of reconstruction after the Civil War where a black population that had been nothing but slaves was educated. We created the historically black colleges all over America and they became our principal source of minority officers. To this day, these black colleges and universities provide 50 per cent of the officers



Podium GENERAL

**COLIN POWELL** 

From a speech by the former head of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff to a Ministry of Defence conference

coming into the armed forces. For many of our minority officers, coming into a white, solved or it will re-occur. middle-class environment was shocking so we mentored them. They didn't come in with the same kind of "old buddy" system that other officers had, those who went to certain elite schools. We had to create a tradition. We offered a form of and from which you can select. bond that gave them an affin-

threatening. Our promotion ed our armed forces quickly look at. We could see clear patterns of existing discrimination, it was institutional

Do you wait 50 years for it to wash out of the system? No. We would look at whole officer records, especially with minority officers, and keep in mind that in their early years of service they may have been exposed to patterns of discrimination. Is that reverse racism? I think it was an appropriate thing to do to try to catch up with the discrimination system that had existed for 200 years previousl<u>y</u>:

But the snake is never dead. programmed in place long after you think the problem is

Your challenge is a little bit different. You are a much smaller force and your numharder for you to create a large pool of qualified minorities from which you can promote

We are very proud of what ity and would not be seen as we have done. We desegregat-

boards were perhaps the most and in the subsequent decade challenging thing we had to I think we have done a very good job of integrating our armed forces in such a way that what we have done in the military is now regarded with enormous pride by all of the American people and we are very pleased with that.

All of these policies had one goal and that was combat readiness. all of them for the purpose of making our armed forces better able to serve the nation by reflecting the nation more fully and in that regard it has been a success. It will take the assistance of

commentators and opinion leaders and makers and political leaders who will keep their you have got to make sure feet to the fire, but who must that you keep these policies also help take the message of inclusion and opportunity into the minority communities of Britain,

This is not just a military matter this is a matter for the entire society to get involved in. bers are much smaller so it is and especially those of you who are in touch with young people, those of you who help shape opinion in this country have to see your responsibility and act



# Unwanted and unloved



BILL SLEE

Farmers find it hard to adjust to being derided as subsidy junkies and environmental destroyers

THE FARM sector is in a deep crisis, which is both financial and psychological. Farm incomes have plummeted over the last two years and comparisons are often made with the farming crises of the 1870s or the inter-war years. But is that comparison really valid?

While we should not underestimate the impact on individual farm households, or indeed on the wider rural economy, the present crisis is not as deep or serious as those earlier agricultural depressions. There are a number of reasons for this.

First, the causes of the present crisis can be seen as the unfortunate coincidence of a number of relatively short-term adverse factors. Second, the problem, although widespread, has not affected the whole industry equally. Third, the decline in the rural economy is diluted by the fact that farming is now a much smaller part of the British rural economy than at any previous point in our history.

There are three principal causes of the present situation. The BSE crisis has had a significant effect on the demand for beef. Currently, the farmers with the lowest incomes are the lowland cattle and sheep producers. Although BSE principally affected dairy cattle, it is the beef producers of the north and west of Britain who have suffered most.

The second cause of the crisis in British farming is the strength of the pound. The farming prosperity of the early 1990s, before BSE, was built on a weak pound and an ability to put competitively priced high quality red meat into other EU member states. The strong pound would have succeeded in limiting export markets even if there had been no BSE-driven export ban. The strength of the pound also leads to competitive imports of agricultural products from other countries. further undermining the position of domestic farmers.

The third cause of low incomes this year has been the poor yields and difficult conditions. The wet weather has created harvest difficulties and poor quality crops. Cereal yields are generally down and many cattle have required supplementary nutrition because of the poor quality of grazing. Difficult farming conditions often are counterbalanced by higher prices, as



BSE is just one of the reasons why the farming prosperity of the early Nineties has dissipated so quickly

with potato prices in the aftermath of the 1976 drought but with more open economies these benefits are less apparent.

Of these three factors, the BSE crisis casts a longer shadow than the other two. In spite of evidence that the demand for beef has picked up, BSE leaves a deeper and nagging doubt in the mind of the consumer about the quality of the food we are eating. The pound has slipped back from its peak against the Deutschmark, and although it remains relatively strong, this problem is likely to continue to ease. Hopefully, the third problem of a year of adverse conditions will not repeat itself again next year

The problem of lowland farm incomes has not affected all sectors equally. Hill farmers and the lowland livestock producers have undoubtedly suffered most and inevitably many smaller farmers have been amongst the worst hit.

· Arable farms and dairy farms have felt the pinch this year and there are problems in the intensive livestock sector, which have forced some big players into bankruptcy.

The rural economy is now a vastly different place compared to what it was during previous agricultural depressions in the 1870s and Thirties. The rural population is not now an occupational community dependent on the land. Instead most rural economies are more mixed. There are large numbers of commuters; and there has been a significant diversification of the rural economy into services (including tourism) and a range of

There are few rural districts where the farming population exceeds 10 per cent of the workforce. The farm sector's influence extends, of course, beyond the farm to the demand for inputs and the selling of outputs to the food industry. The farming population also places more general demands on rural services.

other economic activities.

In some areas, such as south west England, west Wales, south west Scotland or Orkney the importance of agriculture is such that it has a significant knock-on effect on other sectors of the rural economy but over many parts of rural Britain the impact of a dramatic reduction in farm incomes will be reiatively small.

However, we should beware the fashionable trend to deride the insignificance of agriculture. It is true that many other sectors, such as tourism, are bigger in many

rural areas, including most of the highlands of Scotland and many parts of western England. But rural tourism depends to a considerable degree on the public goods that farming provides.

Impoverished farmers are unlikely to make attractive landscapes. Further, beyond the commuting frontier, there are still large areas where the land-based sector remains the principal motor of the rural economy.

How does this crisis compare to previous downturns in farmers fortunes? The depression of the 1870s and 1880s was caused by free trade and the opening up of new territory that could produce wheat more competitively than British farms.

However, over 100 years ago, Sir James Caird, a prominent agricultural writer, wrote that "agriculture must adapt itself to change, freely accepting the good it brings and skilfully using the advantages to which proximity to the market must always command". The crisis of the late 19th century was particularly a crisis of the cereals sector, and with hindsight, some have asserted that the agricultural depression at this time was a myth constructed by an articulate cereals farming lobby.

The crisis of the interwar years was far deeper than the present crisis. Much farmland lay idle. Squatter settlements sprang up on land on which farm production had ceased on some of the heavy clays of Cambridgeshire, and evidence of these settlements can still be seen today. In many parts of rural Britain there was deep poverty, and it took the crisis of war and the accompanying blockade to restore a degree of prosperity. The countryside of the pre-war years was described by the wartime Scott Report as "ragged and unkempt".

for the much smaller farming community of the present, it is deeply felt. The principal sufferers are those farm households that have not diversified outside farming and are exclusively dependent on agriculture and its allied industries. A proportion of farmers will be driven from business, but this shake-out will be unlikely to reach the levels of the Thirties.

But the present crisis is real and.

Fortunately, many rural households have alternative sources of income. And farmland values will be kept relatively high by those seeking a place in the country. This should help keep values up and stop a downward spiral in land prices.

**RIGHT** OF REPLY

> DR IAN **BOGLE**



The chairman of the Council of the British Medical Association replies

to Monday's leader RECENT CASES uncovering incompetence among doctors have quite rightly highlighted the way in which the medical profession seeks to regulate its performance. They have also raised the question of how the safety of patients can best

The British Medical Association will play no part in supporting unacceptable levels of performance by doctors. The days when doctors thought they could turn a blind eye to the incompetence

of their colleagues have gone. Doctors should be under no illusion about their obligations. They are required by general medical council guidelines to report colleagues whose performance they believe to be below acceptable standards. The medical profession is now promoting a culture of openness and critical self-appraisal. I want to see the concept of whistleblowing among doctors rendered obsolete. We must work towards a situation in which doctors who are putting patients at risk are quickly identified and helped.

Ian Waldie/Reuters

The present crisis is also psy-

chological. Farmers feel more un-

wanted than at any time in the last

50 years. Having been praised as

food-producing heroes in the post-

war period, it has been hard to ad-

just to being derided as subsidy junkies and destroyers of the envi-

ronment. But, as Sir James Caird

noted in his day, that the industry

must adjust to new circumstances.

These new circumstances are

not those of the short term - BSE,

currency fluctuations, and bad har-

vests. Farmers must also face the

prospect of deeper changes to the

Common Agricultural Policy in the

No one knows yet how these re-

wake of the next round of agree-

forms will develop, but it is rea-

sonable to suppose that our farmers

will face more competition from

abroad and find production-related

subsidies even more difficult to

come by. It gives farmers little

hope for the future to realise that

hot on the beels of the present cri-

sis, another deeper and more struc-

The writer is senior lecturer

in rural economics at Aberdeen

tural crisis must be faced.

remains true today.

ments on world trade.

We have proposed a system of individual appraisal for consultants under which senior clinical specialists would be asked to review their clinical and non-clinical performance. The way doctors conduct their work and perform is best assessed by people doing the same job. There must also be a

means by which doctors can compare their own performance with that of their peers: more information to enable doctors to compare their results, so that those whose performance is below the norm can take action to improve the situation. League tables of doctors are not necessarily the way forward but a system of greater openness and accountability can only be to the benefit of both patients and doctors.

### Portrait of a troubled artist

WOODY ALLEN has often protested that his screen persona is not to be confused with his real character, any more than those of other comedians like Charlie Chaplin or Bob Hope: "I thought there was something wrong with the culture for wanting to think that," he told an interviewer. "You don't want to think that John Wayne goes around with two six-shooters. That's silly to me."

Who's being silly? After all, it was Allen who gave his film Annie Holl its star Diane Keaton's real name. Who shot Hannah and Her Sisters in Mia Farrow's apartment, using Farrow's own children? The characters Allen plays habitually share to various degrees his well-publicised childhood, his milieu, his cultural and sexual predilections, his women and his



WEDNESDAY POEM

FROM 'THE SONG OF SONGS'

I am my lover's, his desire is for me.

Come, my love, let us go to the country,

stay in a village, get up early, go

down to the vineyards to see

whether the vines are in bud

and the pomegranate blooming...

There I will give you my love.

Mandrakes breathe out their fragrance.

By our doors you will find

all the fruit, new and old, my love

which I have stored for you.

Peter Jay's version of the Song of Songs, just reissued by Anvil Press (£5.95), treats it as 'a small anthology' of varied love poems,

'composed over several centuries of Hebrew history'

IN A VERSION BY PETER JAY

### Wednesday Book

WOODY ALLEN: A BIOGRAPHY BY JOHN BAXTER, HARPERCOLLINS, £19.99

seemed different from other film stars, more open and intimate with his audience. This explained both the fervency of his admirers and the particular fury felt when he abandoned the mother of his child for the teenage stepsister of that child.

What other star would inspire a biography like this one, so grimly determined to catalogue all the discrepancies, failures and hypocrisies? Some of these, admittedly, are

the grape-blossom open

In complicated, elusive ways, Allen worthy of his own withering comedy. His scruffy clothes are actually bandmade at fabulous expense. He is a supposed recluse who eats out every night and used to be driven around Manhattan by a chauffeur in a creamcoloured Rolls-Royce. He only washes every three days because he fears that natural anti-ageing oils will be rinsed away. He scrutinised Mia Farrow's grocery bills, lest he inadvertently pay for breakfast cereal consumed by those of her stepchildren

that he didn't care for It would be difficult to deny that there is a ghoulish interest in what John Baxter has come up with in his trawl through cuttings, books, and interviews he has conducted himself. But would any of this come as a surprise to an attentive viewer of Allen's films? The inability to commit to relationships, the neuroticism and selfcentredness, his ambiguous feelings about his own fans, his uneasiness with mature women and attraction to young girls are all there to be seen in the films. The only shock may be how

rawly accurate they were. For all his detailed, interesting accounts of the films, Baxter misses the extraordinariness of the career as a whole. Most screen comedians have short careers and are effectively finished by middle age. Allen has now been a major figure in the film industry for almost 35 years. Since he won the Oscar for Annie Hall in 1977, he has written, directed and often starred in 21 feature films (plus the "Oedipus Wrecks" segment of New York Stories and a TV version of his play Don't



'Love and Death' - not to be confused with real life

Drink the Water). No other Hollywood film-maker can even begin to compete with this record.

More than this, he has done it entirely on his own terms. Characteristically, John Baxter accuses Allen of both courting fame and arrogantly ignoring audiences. Like too many current critics, he has difficulty in separating artistic achievement from success or failure at the box office. On the other hand, Baxter seems to consider Allen's relative financial success in Europe (which has frequently compensated for failure in America) as somehow inauthentic.

Baxter virtually jeers in the book's final pages, describing the financial crisis of a few months ago which forced Allen to dismiss many of the collaborators he had kept on contract for two decades. As if the real miracle was not how such a personal film-maker had kept such a team together for so

Allen's output has been extremely

variable, ranging from the depths of September to the heights of Manhattan or The Purple Rose of Cairo. But he has never made a film cynically, in the way that Steven Spielberg made The Lost World. Even when his ideas don't quite come off - as with the Greek chorus in Mighty Aphrodite - there is a pleasure in seeing something that hasn't been smoothed out by too many meetings and memos from executives. And I'm glad to hear that Allen does not allow his actors any input at all into

their roles. Much of this goes for the "damaging" biographical detail as well. Woody Allen probably isn't as nice as John Baxter and I are to our partners and children. But how does Baxter think that you write, cast, shoot, star in and edit a film - not just once but every year? If this is nastiness, I wish that Orson Welles, Preston Sturges and other Hollywood casualties had had



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### Professor Stuart Sutherland

STUART SUTHERLAND started life down provides not only an enteras a journalist, and spent much of the last 20 years as a writer, reviewer, columnist and novelist. But in between, he lived the blameless (well, fairly blameless) life of a successful academic psychologist, initially at Oxford and then as first Professor of Experimental Psychology at Sussex University. Still less than 40 years old when he left Oxford, he was already a commanding figure in British

All this changed in the early 1970s, when he suffered, according to him with no apparent warning, a sudden and severe depressive breakdown. The depression lasted for months, and then, again according to his own account, stopped almost as suddenly as it had begun. In fact, the absence of depression soon gave way to manic episodes. and for several years, until he eventually agreed to try lithium treatment, he cycled between deep depression every summer and hypomania every winter. But he put his experience to good use, writing a book, Breakdown: a personal crisis and a medical dilemma (1976), that described in frank and frightening detail what it is like to suffer from manic depression.

Although psychiatric illness may not seem the most enthralling of topics, Breakdown is a compellingly readable book. And even if the autobiographical chapters did not always please all his friends and relatives, the book surely succeeded in one of its stated aims: to remove some of the stigma surrounding mental illness. Never afraid to bare his soul, or make public admission of actions and feelings that the more reticent of us would seek anxiously to conceal. Sutherland was the ideal person to tell what it is like to be mentally ill, and to describe the impact his illness had both on himself and on others.

As an academic psychologist, he could also bring a more professional perspective to bear, and Break-

taining and delightfully rude account of his experience at the hands of an unfortunate psychoanalyst, but also an informed and readable account of the state of psychological and psychiatric knowledge of the causes, consequences and treatment of mental illness. The story of his breakdown provided the inspiration for Simon Gray's play Melon.

After his illness. Sutherland abandoned the laboratory and took up writing, reviewing and journalism. His reviews, at first mostly of psychological books in journals such as Nature, were opinionated but never dull, and always notable for their remarkable breadth of knowledge. From there, he branched out into reviews of books on any subject under the sun, in the weekly press and in several national newspapers.

He continued to write on psychology, producing single-handedly a Dictionary of Psychology (1989) for

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Macmillan and, most recently a book, Irrationality: the enemy within (1992), in which he drew on research in social psychology to illustrate the ways in which people, including generals, civil servants, doctors and scientists, many of whom have been expensively trained to know better. not only behave irrationally in their own lives, but also make irrational decisions with momentous consequences for others.



Sutherland at Sussex University, where he was Professor of Experimental Psychology 1964-92

Although sometimes in later life affecting to despise academic psychology, Sutherland remained a psychologist to the end. His earlier career had been one of exceptional promise and equally exceptional achievement. Born in Birmingham in 1927 and educated at King Edward's School, he read Classics at Oxford and went on to do National Service. He then returned to Oxford to read Psychology and Philosophy,

gained a prize fellowship at Magdalen and started a research programme on perception and discrimination learning in animals that, among other things, took him every summer to the Stazione Zoologica in Naples, where he worked on octopuses alongside J.Z.

Two spells as a visiting professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology strengthened his belief

that artificial intelligence and computational modelling provided new and powerful ways to tackle the problems of cognitive psychology, and in 1964 he moved to Sussex University (Balliol by the sea, as it was know in those days) to set up a new department of experimental psychology. Sussex remained his academic base for the rest of his life.

Within a few years, the department he established was recognised

tential, in part because of the breadth of his interests in psychology.

But it was the force of his personality that moulded the department. Love him or hate him, you had to strive harder - either to live up to his expectations, or to avoid his wrath. He was a formidably clever man, quick to follow an argument, even quicker to spot its flaws. As a teacher, he was both extraordinarily stimulating and quite terrifying. His own grasp of the subject, depth of understanding and enthusiasm provided an unrivalled education, and could excite a matching enthusiasm in anyone prepared to withstand the critical onslaught of a man who sometimes seemed determined to live up to clichés about not suffering fools gladly.

He was equally unwilling to suf-fer the constraints imposed by convention and, even when not in manic mode, took delight in outrageous behaviour Easily bored by polite conversation, he had no compunction in leaving a dinner party in mid-meal, even one given in his own house, for a quick drink in the pub. It was easy to mistake this desire to shock for cruelty or unkindness. But Stuart Sutherland was, as many friends can testify, a kind and generous man. And his friendship was valuable for much more than that. Endlessly fascinated by the world around him, always with something new and thought-provoking to say on any subject, whether he knew anything about it or not, his conversation and companionship enriched many lives.

NICHOLAS MACKINTOSH

Norman Stuart Sutherland, experimental psychologist and writer. born Birmingham 26 March 1927. Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford 1954-58; Lecturer in Experimental Psychology, Oxford University 1960-64; Fellow of Merton College, Oxford 1963-64; Professor of Experimental Psychology, Sussex University 1964-92; married 1956 Jose Fogden (two daughters); died Brighton, East Sussex 8 November 1998.

### Monica Baly

THE FOUNDATIONS of modern-day nursing in Britain were little documented until. in retirement, Monica Baly put pen to paper with a series of influential studies on the history and development of the profession.

She based her findings on a first-hand understanding of it and a well-researched investigation of the social climate in which nurses as then: worked. Her PhD thesis - prepared at the grand age of 70 - was a reevaluation of Florence Nightingale. on whom Baly was a world authority. It was later developed into a book, Florence Nightingale and the Nursing Legacy, published in 1986.

This described how a Nightingale Council had been set up during the Crimean War to collect money from "a grateful nation" for the founding of nursing schools and had determined the direction of 20th-century during the Second World War she nursing. Nightingale was none too was responsible for setting up a pleased at the idea of being remembered this way and, according to Baly, "There was a lot of controversy which was hushed up at the time."

Like Florence Nightingale, Monica Baly battled throughout her life to improve nurses' training and conditions. She made her name in 1970 as an organiser of the "Raising the Roof" campaign which, after five weeks of intensive lobbying of parliament, saw nurses receive an unprecedented 22 per cent pay award. The dispute had, she conceded, contained "ugly and violent" elements, but she justified it by claiming that militancy had become a social fact: "When members of the community - including nurses feel that they are being pushed down and lowly regarded, they manifest their anger with a response that has become successively more speedy and aggressive".

Monica Baly's concern for the profession stretched far beyond remuneration, however. At a speech marking her retirement from the Royal College of Nursing in 1974, she demanded that nurses be regarded as equals with doctors and administrators in deciding how Health Service resources are spent. She voiced the perpetual dilemma, as real now

We must not delude ourselves that pay alone will solve our problems. Pay is important, but there is a much bigger thing than that - the question of rising demands and resources. Somewhen along the line somebody has got to decide how the Health Service will spend its money.

Monica Baly qualified as a nurse and midwife at the Middlesex Hospital, London, in 1938 and 1939 respectively. As a member of the Princess Mary RAF Nursing Service burns hospital in Foggia, Italy, earning a mention in dispatches for her work among the seriously injured.

The end of hostilities saw her dealing with a typhoid epidemic in Cairo, following which she took a Foreign Office posting to the British Zone of post-war Germany as chief nursing officer in the displaced persons camps. Disease was rife and Baly was short of staff. She overcame her superiors' suspicions about training German nurses, later

They felt that there would be so much hostility the German nurses would never survive - but in fact it worked very successfully When you're a desperate mother with a sick child you don't really care about the nationality of the nurse comes to help you

Ultimately hundreds of German nurses proudly boasted certificates in Public Health signed by Monica

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Her one-woman campaign for improved pay and conditions for nurses began shortly after the war Dinloma at the Royal College of Nursing: "I was not the daughter of there was no strike action: an accountant for nothing." she

per cent pay award

We sat down and compiled a budget based on the current cost of living prov-ing that you could not live any sort of rea-sonable life on the basic salary being paid to health visitors at that time. I later learned that my figures were incorporated into the case for new pay scales put before the Whitley Council. It was my first little bit of rebellion and it paid off.

A chance meeting in France with the chairman of the Royal College pointment as the RCN's Western where her goal was to increase the degree of professionalism within

Hints of the writing that was to follow appeared in the mid-1960s when she twice won first prize in the British Medical Association's annual essay competition for nurses. Baly's glamour to hospitals. Most people.



genteel rebelliousness also continued and in 1970 she was called to London to organise the RCN's hiswhen she took her Health Visitors' · toric campaign. She was particularly proud that despite the militancy,

There never seems to me to be any excuse for a nurse to withdraw her labour. Taken to its logical conclusion a strike by nurses would lead to the picketing of intensive care units - and who in our profession would ever sanction

Nursing and Social Change, published in 1973, was the first post-war book to cover the syllabus of the Diploma of Nursing, and was an illuminating and well-documented of Nursing in 1951 led to her next ap- account of the influence exerted on the development of nursing by Area Organiser, based in Bath, social and economic changes. Although the book concentrates on developments in the 19th and 20th centuries. Baly traced the profession back to the Middle Ages claiming that it was only the Victorians' infatuation with grandiose institutions that attracted prestige and

she argued, are ili at home and nursing would one day have to reassert itself in the community. The following year Baly threw

herself into retirement with the same degree of zeal she had exercised during her working life. Within a month of hanging up her thermometer she was back for a few months at a short-staffed RCN before launching herself into an Open University degree followed by post-graduate studies at London

Her other books included Professional Responsibility in the Community Health Services (1975), A New Approach to District Nursing (1981). As Florence Nightingale Said (1991), and The History of the Queen's Nursing Institute (1987), for which she was appointed Centenary Fellow of the QNI, "in recognition of her many distinctions in the field of nursing". She also became the first chairman of the RCN's History of Nursing Group and in 1986 was awarded a fellowship of the RCN.

Baly lived in the Royal Crescent in Bath for 47 years, campaigning with the same degree of vigour for its preservation and assiduously supporting other causes which she believed in, including the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Day appeal, the Bath Festival, and Bath Abbey, where she was a devout

member of the congregation. An avid reader of The Independent, Monica Baly left a codicil to her will asking that, if she received posthumous recognition, it should be within this newspaper's pages.

TIM BULLAMORE

Monica Eileen Baly, nurse and nursing historian: born 24 May 1914; Western Area Organiser, Royal College of Nursing 1951-74; died Bath 12 November 1998.

### **Monty Williams**

THE CRICKETER Monty Williams as the "Boy Wonder" before the tour, was nicknamed "Boogles" in his native Barbados, in tribute to the dexterity of his quickish leg breaks and googlies. He was also a good enough right-hand batsman to be classed as an all-rounder but it was as a teacher, diplomat and ambassador that he was able to make a major contribution to his home island and to the West Indies.

as among the best two or three in the

country, and brought to England a

steady stream of distinguished vis-

iting psychologists from North America and elsewhere. The people

he appointed to teaching posts, and

the research students they attract-

ed, have since become professors at

half a dozen British universities as

well as several abroad - Princeton,

Toronto and Sydney In part, this was

because he was a good judge of po-

As a young all-rounder, from a family of 10 children, he was bright enough to gain a college education before being chosen, aged 24, for the 1950 tour of England. At the time he was ranked before two tyro spinners. Alfie Valentine and Sonny Ramadhin. The rest, as they say, is history. Ramadhin and Valentine became "those two little pals of mine" in cricket's most famous calypso as they bowled West Indies to their first Test victory and first series win in England.

In a team that also contained Frank Worrell, Everton Weekes and Clyde Walcott, it is not surprising that Williams became one of the forgotten men of that touring party, which also included Ken Trestrail, hailed

Leg breaks and googlies

and Roy Marshall, who was later to win fame with Hampshire.

Williams was thus confined to a supporting role. "He achieved one or two good performances with his leg breaks and frequent googlies but inevitably lacked chances to run into all-round form. He was a better batsman than his figures suggest," wrote Peter West

Williams's outstanding performance was a 7-55, off 32 overs, in MCC's second innings at Lord's. against an MCC batting order containing Reg Simpson, Jack Robertson, Bill Edrich and Norman Yardley. "There was much promise about the varied spin of Williams ... who stayed in England in order to go to Durham University," commented Wisden.

After a year at Durham, Williams took an education degree at Oxford and returned home to play for Barbados, to teach at Harrison College and to join the Board of the Barbados Cricket Association. In 1954 he joined the civil service on a fast track, rising to Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education by 1958.

After two years on a scholarship at New College, Oxford, he became in turn High Commissioner to Canada. Ambassador to the United States and High Commissioner to the UK. retiring into business in 1979. He was appointed OBE in 1963 and made a Companion of Honour of Barbados in 1982. He was a music lover, especially of organ music and is rememberd by Bajans for his modesty and integrity.

### DEREK HODGSON

Cecil Beaumont Williams, diplomat and cricketer: born Barbados 8 March 1926; OBE 1963; married 1952 Dorothy Marshall (two sons, one daughter); died Pickering, Ontario 20 September 1998.

### Harold Lightman



Company law and insolvency

HAROLD LIGHTMAN was an examtial disadvantages to reach the peak of his profession.

had fled Russian pogroms and his fa- in Liberal Party politics, having alther set up a furniture manufacturing company. Lightman attended the City of Leeds School until he was Liberal candidate for the Bramley 14. when he began to experience ward in the 1927 Leeds City Counheadaches. He worked in his fa- cil election and, although unsuether's factory, and at the age of 18 discovered that poor evesight was the subsequently offered three Parliacause of his problem, cured by the use mentary candidatures for the 1929 of glasses. Then, while his father was General Election. However, he de- to assist the head of his chambers on holiday, he did a good deal for the nusiness, his reward of £100 enabled to study for the Bar. him to study at evening classes in

ple of someone who overcame ini- a partner in the accountancy firm of Lightman and Sharp, the director of two manufacturing companies, and He was born in Leeds in 1906. His had written a book on company fiparents were Lithuanian Jews who mancing. He also became engaged ready, at the age of 17, shared a platform with Lloyd George. He was the cessful on this occasion, was

Leeds, and qualify as an accountant, complete his legal studies and was vited him to stay on as a member of

cided not to stand for Parliament but

By 1927, at the age of 21, he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn the chambers. This he did for 10 years tional Provincial Bank v Ainstoorth following year. He would have been until Grant's death in 1942, when he awarded the inn's top scholarship. until Grant's death in 1942, when he awarded the inn's top scholarship. where Lightman, appearing for a described wife, persuaded the majoribut it was discovered that he was too old to be eligible for it. (However, the same scholarship was awarded to his son Gavin in 1961 and to his grandson Daniel in 1995.)

Lightman was disadvantaged in his early legal career by the fact that he had not been to university and was Jewish. However, he had great determination and a considerable knowledge of accounts. This latter skill enabled him, while still a pupil, at 1 New Square, Alexander Grant QC, who was so impressed with the In 1931 he came to London to advice given by Lightman that he in-

ground, was largely in the fields of company law and insolvency, but he the House of Lords, but the position was well regarded by his solicitor clients and his fellow practitioners as someone who always gave to his was cut short in 1967, when he sufwork the detailed care and attention it needed and whose advocacy was sound and reliable.

beacher of Lincoln's Inn and in 1966

During the Second World War ty of the Court of Appeal (Lords Lightman served in the Home Denning, MR, and Donovan) that Guard and his practice continued to she had a right, good as against a grow. He was appointed a QC in 1955. bank mortgagee, to stay on in the His work, because of his back- matrimonial home. This decision was subsequently overturned by

is now governed by statute.

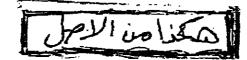
Unfortunately Lightman's career write with his left hand, he was un-In 1962 he was appointed a able to resume his practice. He and his wife continued to live in a flat in his leading cases was that of No- enjoy the company of his friends: his London 27 September 1998.

great geniality made him a popular member.

It gave him great pleasure when his son Gavin then also a Chancery silk) became a bencher in 1987, and even greater pleasure to see him appointed a judge of the High Court in 1994; of his other sons Stuart is a solicitor and Stafford is Professor of Medicine at Bristol University.

JOHN BALCOMBE

fered a stroke; although with great Leeds 8 April 1906; called to the Bar, determination he taught himself to Lincoln's Inn 1932; QC 1955; Magter of the Bench of Lincoln's Inn 1962; Head of Chambers, 13 Old Square 1966: married 1936 Gwenbecame head of chambers. One of Lincoln's Inn where he was able to doline Ostrer (three sons); died



### Kenny Kirkland

BEGINNING HIS career as a teacher of H classical music, Kenny Kirkland next became a jazz musician. Later he emerged from his jazz chrysalis as a practitioner of exotic pop/rock music and finally shed his wings to follow the mundane but financially more stable profession of studio musician. In the middle part of his career Kirk-

land was an associate of Wynton Marsalis. Some musicians and writers now regard Marsalis as the greatest trumpeter that jazz has produced. It is not surprising therefore that the five years Kirkland spent working for him (1981-85) should have been such a powerful influence on him

The enthusiasm and urgency Kirkland applied to his piano lessons when he was six confirmed that his life was to be devoted to music, "although it wasn't until I was 13 that it actually caught on for me," he remembered. He began by studying classical music, but, distracted by the radio, he soon became interested in rhythm and blues. He absorbed the sounds of James Brown, Sly Stone and the Temptations. "I tried to learn something from everyone."

He studied classical piano performance at the Manhattan School of Music for 18 months and then classical theory and composition before graduating as a teacher. A month before he was due to graduate he broke both his legs, his jaw, his wrist and one hip.

On his recovery, Kirkland moved into one of New York's celebrated lofts and it turned out to be one that musicians used to turn up to after work to play at all-night jam sessions. This was not conducive to the germination of pedagogy and, at the instigation of three jazz ianists who became his friends - Larry Willis of Blood, Sweat and Tears, Herbie Hancock and Kenny Barron - he threw himself into the world of jazz, playing electric keyboards and acoustic piano.

Initially Hancock's playing had the most effect on his work, but he was eclectic and developed his own style, becoming particularly effective in the difficult role of accompanist. He joined the band of another friend, the violinist Michael Urbaniak, playing electric keyboards when he toured Europe with the group in 1977. He worked with other bands and in 1979 recorded a fusion album, What It Is, with the saxophonist Dave Liebman.

The same year Kirkland joined Miroslav Vitous, the bassist who had become famous with Weather Report. By 1981 the pianist was working in a band led by the drummer Elvin Jones and



I tried to learn something from everyone': Kirkland in 1991

Tim Hall / Redferns

standing musicians. It was while on tour with Hino in Japan that Wynton Marsalis, also on tour at the time, first heard Kirkland. Marsalis persuaded him to leave Hino and the longest association of Kirkland's life began:

While his work with the trumpeter's quintet opened Kirkland's horizons, the pianist also reciprocated with some of the finest accompanying work Marsalis had ever had. He had a part to play in all of Marsalis's projects and took a major role in the albums that first made the trumpeter's name. He also benefited from the exposure he got on Marsalis's ceaseless international tours.

Spending some time with the Marsalis brothers and Kirkland in the

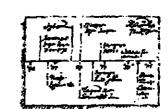
Terumasa Hino, one of Japan's out- that these young men had already ac- lustre performances as the trumpeter quired and by the powerful intellects with which they were able to interpret it. Although they were then new upon the European scene, it appeared to be obvious that the future of jazz was in

Wynton Marsalis made no bones about his scorn when Kirkland left his band in extraordinary circumstances in 1985. The pianist and Marsalis's brother. the saxophone-playing Branford, changed idiom to play rock music with Sting. While with the pop star they recorded the album The Dream of Blue Turtles (1985) and joined him for a lengthy term of international touring. At this time Kirkland played piano on Dizzy Gillespie's New Faces album led by the drummer Elvin Jones and early Eighties at the Nice Jazz Festival, (1964), but despite the good Gillespie mamoved from there to join the trumpeter I was awestruck by the experience terial used, the session produced lack-

was coming to the end of his career as an instrumentalist.

Kirkland became a session musician in the early Nineties and joined the show band of the American television programme Tonight where he worked until his death. Branford Marsalis directed the band. Kirkland recorded the only album under his own name in 1991 for the GRP label and also worked in the all-star big band sessions recorded for the company at the same period. In 1993 he was the subject of one of Marian Mc-Partland's distinguished *Piano Juzz* programmes for American public radio.

Kenneth David Kirkland, pianist born New York 28 September 1955; died New York c12 November 1998.



HISTORICAL NOTES

### The undisputed 'King of the Dandies'

dandy is an immortal figure. Urbane, elegant and totally masculine, he was an icon to his contemporaries and has been celebrated in romantic fiction ever since. He is not to be confused with his 18thcentury predecessors, the fop, the fibble or the coxcomb. It was true that the genus had many variations but to mistake a Corinthian for a dandy would have been as insulting to both at the time as failing to differentiate between mods and rockers in

The most absurd of all the 18th-century styles was that of the Maceronis who flourished in the 1770s. They were a group of young men who tottered round Mayfair on scarlet shoes with four-inch heels and diamond buckles, wearing wigs a yard high, and carrying such accessories as muffs, flowers and fans. Throughout the 18th century, in fact, the extravagance of a man's dress had been an indication of his status and the means by which he expressed his aesthetic discrimination - the more

costly and brilliant the better. It was "Beau" Brummeli, the "King of the Dandies" during the Regency who decreed that such ostentation was vulgar and that true style lay in absolute simplicity. His views caused a fashion revolution whose effects have lasted to the present day. Brummell and his fellowdandies invented the mas-

THE REGENCY buck, beau or culine "uniform" of a plain danky is an immortal figure. cravat, which is still recognised as the only permissible attire for formal wear

throughout the Western world. Dandyism attracted as much adverse criticism as praise, and the word was more often used in a derogatory sense than as an accolade. The Regency dandy was caricatured as a ridicucartoons and any aspirant to the style was liable to be mocked as a "veritable tulip" or a "pink of the ton".

Brummell was the undisputed leader of society for more than 15 years, univerof fashion and ultimate authority on all matters of manners and mores throughout his "reign". It was said he could make or break a social aspirant with the lift of an eyebrow. The Prince of Wales once burst into tears because Brummell criticised the cut of his coat.

His whole life was dedicated to creating an effect and he knew by instinct every trick of the publicity game, the late entrance, the throwaway line or an outrageous remark sure to be overheard and repeated.

He behaved outrageously at parties. If he deigned to show up at all, he usually refused to dance, spoke only to his particular friends and left.

evening had been a total flop if he failed to appear.

Lord Alvanley was one of the more attractive members of the inner circle of dandies. He was said to give the best dinners in London. On one occasion his friends offered a free dinner at White's to the member who devised the most expensive dish. Alvanley won with a fricassee made of the breasts lous figure in contemporary of 300 birds and once enjoyed an apricot tart so much that he ordered a fresh one on the sideboard every day for a year, just in case he fan-

cied it again. Such affectations were par for the course amongst the sally accepted as the arbiter Dandy Set, but led to financial disaster. Alvanley, like many of his fellow-dandies, gambled heavily and ended up in debt. His horses and carriages were seized and only the fishmonger would give him credit. He was lucky: as a peer he could not be imprisoned for debt.

Commoners, like Brummell himself, enjoyed no such privilege. Rather than go to gaol they fled the country. It was possible at that time to live cheaply in Paris and this coterie of bankrupt exdandies probably had rather a pleasant time, swapping reminiscences of their days of glory - certainly better

Venetia Murray is the author early. Regency hostesses of High Society, A Social were not only prepared to put History of the Regency Peup with this but felt the riod 1788-1830', (Viking, £20)

than a stretch in Fleet prison.

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Jacques Mandé Daguerre, photographic pioneer, 1789; Sir William Schwenck Gilbert, playwright and librettist, 1836; Percy Wyndham Lewis, artist and writer, at sea 1882; John Herndon (Johnny) Mercer, composer and singer, 1909. Deaths: Reginald, Cardinal Pole, 1558; Marcel Proust, writer, 1922; Mervyn Laurence Peake, writer and artist, 1968. On this day: William Caxton issued his first dated, printed book, 1477; St Peter's, Rome, was consecrated, 1626; the first Mickey Mouse cartoon - Steamboat Willie - was shown, 1928; fire broke out at King's Cross underground station, and 30 people died, 1987. Today is the Feast Day of St Mawes or Maudez, St Odo of Cluny and St Romanus of Antioch.

### LECTURES

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "Sacrifices (iii): Manet, The Execution of Maximilion", 1pm; William Vaughan, "Going Modern and Being British", 6.30pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Simone Mathews, "Raphael's Cartoons and Precursors", 2pm. Tate Gallery: Adrian Searle,
"Turner Prize Exhibition", Fine Art and Antiques Fair, Olympia National Hall, Lon-

don W14: Andrew Bolton. "New China, Ancient Art", 6.30pm (for tickets, telephone 0171-379 8345). British Museum: Lesley Fit-ton, "The Palace of Minos

and Knossos", 11.30am. Wallace Collection, London W1: Jennifer Stern, "Introduction to Sèvres Porcelain", nstitute of Education, London WC1: Professor Gerd

Lūdemann, "The Great

said and did", 6.30pm.

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Kufa Gallery, London W2:

Fran Hazelton and June Peters, "The Epic of Gilgamesh", 7.15pm Gresham Lecture, Barnard's Inn Hall, London EC1: Professor Lynette Hunter, "Is Letter-Writing Literature? And What About Diaries?", 1pm; The Rev Professor Richard Holloway, "What is the Use of the Bible?", 5.30pm. RSA, London WC2: Perri 6. Peter Hitchens, Sir Peter Kemp, Kirsty Milne, Martin Shreeve, "Joined-up Thinking' in Government - the answer for a better Britain?" 6.30pm (for tickets, telephone

**DINNERS** 

0171-976 2423).

Shrievalty of Greater London Mr John Gough, High Sheriff, and Mrs Gough were the

Senate House, London WC1.

hosts at a dinner held yesterday evening by the Shrievalty of Greater London at Fishmongers' Hall, London EC4. Lord Bramall, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, and Lady Bramail were the guests of honour.

### **ENGLISH-SPEAKING** UNION

The Duke of Edinburgh presented the Duke of Edinburgh English-Speaking Union Award, for the best and most innovative work in the field of teaching or learning the English language, vesterday at Buckingham Palace, London SW1. Lord Quirk, Vice-Chairman, English Language Committee, Baroness Brigstocke, ESU Chairman, and Mrs Valerie Mitchell, ESU Director-General, also attended.

### MARITIME **FOUNDATION**

Countess Mountbatten of Burma, President of the Maritime Foundation, presented the 1998 Desmond Wettern Maritime Media Award to Mr Michael Evans Defence Editor, The Times, at a reception held yesterday evening on board HQS Wellington, London SW1.

with Cerebral Palsy, visits

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; Nijmegen Company Coldstream Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Welsh

### Measure of damages for negligent survey

A PLAINTIFF who claimed against a surveyor for negligent overvaluation of a property was entitled to damage compensating him for the cost of alternative accommodation until he was able to resell the property.

The Court of Appeal allowed in part the defendant's appeal against damages awarded to the plaintiffs in their negligence claim against the defendants.

The plaintiffs offered £95,000 for the purchase of a house. The building society from whom they had obtained the offer of a loan instructed the defendant firm of estate agents and surveyors to make a "House Buyer's Report and Valuation" on its own and the plaintiffs' behalf. The defendants described the house as having been neglected in the past and requiring extensive repairs and renovations, and valued it at £90,000.

In September 1988, having completed the purchase for £95,000, the plaintiffs formed the view that the bouse was uninhabitable. They did not move in, and instructed new surveyors to prepare a full structural survey. The new surveyors found that unless works costing in the region of £25,000 were carried out, the property was uninhabitable.

they could not move into the house and, being unable to contemplate the necessary expenditure to make it habitable. decided to remain in temporary accommodation and offer the house for sale. They did not sell the house. The plaintiffs commenced

The plaintiffs decided that

roceedings against the defendants, alleging that the prop- ages, and that the judge's

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### WEDNESDAY LAW REPORT

**18 NOVEMBER 1998** 

### Patel and anor v Hooper & Jackson

Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice Mantell) 10 November 1998

erty had been negligently over-valued, its true value being £65,000, and that they had been unable to resell it. The judge awarded the plaintiffs £25,250 in respect of the diminution in the property's value, £2,000 each as general damages to compensate them for their years of living in relative discomfort, and further damages equivalent to an indemnity for past and future mortgage interest, endowment policy premiums and household surance premiums.

The defendants appealed, accepting that they were liable to the plaintiffs for damages equivalent to the diminution in value, but contending that the award for mortgage interest and insurance premiums was contrary to principle and ought to be discharged. Andrew Marsden (Bankes Ashton, Bury St Edmunds) for the plaintiffs; Daniel Worsley (Lloyd Cooper) for the defendants.

Lord Justice Nourse said that the powers of the court in a case such as the present were confined to making a once and for all award of dam-

award must accordingly be discharged and an award of damages made in conventional form.

.The question as to the correct measure of damages then arose. The prima facie rule applicable to the measure of damages in respect of negligent surveys of houses for private purchasers was the diminution in value of the property.

However, each case depended on its own facts, and in the present case there were said to be special features which entitled the plaintiffs to additional damages. Applying the dicta of Romer J in Philips v Word [1956] 1 All ER 874, a purchaser was entitled to damages for the reasonable costs of extricating himself from the purchase.

In the present case, the house having been uninhabitable except at a cost which the plaintiffs were unable to contemplate, there was no reason in principle why they should not be able to recover the costs of their alternative accommodation until such time as they were able to sell the house and acquire another in

The plaintiffs had, in all the circumstances, acted reasonably in not putting the house up for sale by auction at any time before the end of June 1993, and were accordingly entitled to recover the cost of their alternative accommodation between September 1988 and September 1993. Further, the award of £2,000 general damages to each of the plaintiffs had been entirely justified and would be affirmed.

KATE O'HANLON Barrister

### ROYAL **ENGAGEMENTS**

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, opens the Financial Services Authority building at Canary Wharf, London E14; visits Merrill Lynch, London EC2, to meet staff working in foreign exchange, gilts and UK mergers and acquisitions; visits Electra, London WC2; is greeted in the City of London by the Lord Mayor, Lord Levene of Portsoken, at

attends a lunch given by The Financial Times at 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1; visits the Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, London EC2, and meets the Governor and the Monetary Policy Committee; and gives a reception at Buckingham Palace to recognise the contribution of the financial services industry in the City of London. The Duke of Edinburgh visits Lloyds TSB Bank London EC2; and visits the Stock Exchange, Lon-

don EC2. The Duke of York visits the South Sea Islands of Tonga and Samoa. Prince Edward attends a reception at Buckingham Palace; and attends the Royal Concert at the Royal Festival Hall, London SE1. The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, attends their National Conference and Annual General Meeting at the Tyne Theatre, Newcastle upon Tyne; and, as Chancellor, London Uni-

The Duke of Gloucester, President, the Britain-Nepal Society, attends the Annual General Meeting followed by Dinner at the Royal Nepalese Embassy, London Wa. The Duke of Kent visits Cardiff International Airport; visits Barry College Maintenance Apprentice School, Barry, South Glamorgan; visits HTV Wales, Cardiff, and attends a reception at Buckingham Palace. Princess Alexandra, Patron, Hornsey Trust for Children

the Conductive Education Centre, London N10.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

"TITFERS ALOFT". writes the disc-jockey Andy Kershaw in the latest issue of Mojo magazine, by way of praise for those who had produced its coverage of Bob Dylan's 1966 performances. (Amphetaminefuelled, Dylan had told a bewildered Swedish inter-

### WORDS CHRISTOPHER HAWTREE

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Kershaw - who locked to decipher Dylan's every viewer, "I myself happen on the disc - makes one

pause, but his rhyming slang then makes sense. Tit for tat: hat, which goes back to the First World

War – and on to the musical Me and My Girl, a work which is a far cry from that blistering version of "Like himself away for three days a Rolling Stone" into which Dylan was goaded by the brilliant, mumbled remark audience cry of "Judas!" A masterpiece.

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# You ask the questions

(Such as: Barry Manilow, have you ever considered plastic surgery? And would you try Viagra?)

Manilow Brooklyn in 1946. He has recorded 29 albums (his latest is Manilow Sings Singtra) and the hit singles, "Mandy" and "I Write The Songs". Dismissed as terminally naff, he has sold more than 50 million records. Manilow, who has produced other artists such as Dionne Warwick, lives in Los Angeles.

Have you ever considered plastic surgery? What's the secret of your youthful looks? Angela Parr, Edinburgh. I think my passion for music keeps me young. I will probably turn old as soon as I ever decide to retire, which I will never

Which soug do you wish you had written? Lesley McEwen, Camden

'Tryin' To Get The Feeling Again". David Pomeranz wrote a real winner. Just the first few bars are enough to make me

Who was Mandy? Louisa Morgan, Billericay Ask the writer, Scott English.

When was the last time you cried and why?

Sheila Wood, Glamorgan My new musical, Harmony, opened in California last year. We've been working on it for seven years. At the end of the show the audience rose to their feet cheering and weeping, and

Have your female fans ever been fanatically obsessed? Donna Miles, Bromley

There have been some overly enthusiastic people during my career but mostly my fans are considering what a sex-god records.

Do you believe in God? Sulvia Norton, Chester Yes, of course. His name is



Clive Davis and he is president I really enjoyed Take That's the more muscular groove ungreat people with restraint, of my record company, Arista

> Which of your songs do you like the most?

tempted to give any of your other ballads the up-tempo treatment? If so, which ones? Liz Charlton, Sevenoaks

upbeat version of "Could it be derneath "Looks Like We Made Magic". Have you ever been It" and I thought it sounded pretty good.

Have you ever considered recording a CD of classical-During the last tour, I put a litly-inspired music? Your ver-

Magic" is based on a Prelude

Caroline Griffin, London W1 I have considered delving further into classical music but I don't feel I have the proper classical music all the time because that's where all the great melodies are, I'm sure they have influenced my writ-

lines of a song dedicated to me - one of your biggest fans, of course. I'd be so flattered. I'm divorced - I love golf, picnics, taking my dog for a walk, candlelit dinners and classical music. I look forward to your lyrics.

Jean Forge, Chalfont St Giles Considering that my forte is melody and not lyric. I'll give

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And how about the We-

insteins? Tina says: "The at-

mosphere at Miramax is

invigorating. It's like a mobile

cardiology unit: there's a gen-

eral sense of tension which is

only broken up by moments of

mania. They have 50 films in

production at any one time, and

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sion of Schubert's "Ave Maria" is the best I've ever heard, and "Could It Be Banana fanna fo fean Me My Mo Mean - Jean!

What's your idea of the most romantic evening out? Does it involve Pina Colada? Jayne Boyle, Cardiff training to pull it off. I listen to My most romantic evening wouldn't take place "out". It would take place inside. Rent a video, order a pizza, open a bottle of wine, light the fire,

> your life at the moment? Anne Mayhew, Dorset

Do you enjoy it when fans throw their knickers at you? Would you prefer it was something else?

Deena Gourley, Raynes Park Fans have very rarely thrown knickers at me. I think you've

is Have you ever forgotten the words to "Copacabana"? Iris Hines, Milton Keynes

What's your all time favourite Iris Norton, Esher

Shirley Horn's "Here's To Life". Where's your favourite holiday destination? Dora Gill, Colchester Homel

When was the last time you did the housework?

Eileen Bristow, Southampton I try and make my own bed whenever I can., just because it helps me feel like I live at home instead of being taken care of on the road. I even enjoy washing the dishes now and then. Really!

Are you rich enough never to have to work again - if so, why

Sally Hill, Blackheath I will always keep trying to I need to or not. It's something

What's your drug of choice Peter Williams, St Helens.

What's the last film you went

to see? Francis Stonehill, Portsmouth The Rise And Fall Of Little Voice. This is quite possibly the most unusual film that I've

What's the funniest thing anyone has ever said about

Barbara Collins, Woodbridge I thought that: "Old Big Nose Is Back!" was pretty funny.

Would you ever consider taking Viagra? Katie Price, Hereford

Quite the opposite. I need

Describe yourself in two sentences. Yvonne Nuttall, Folkestone Too thin. Very musical.

### YOU ASK THE QUESTIONS

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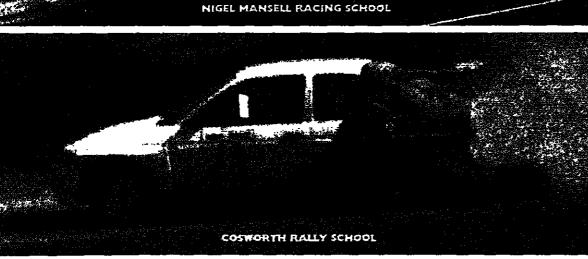
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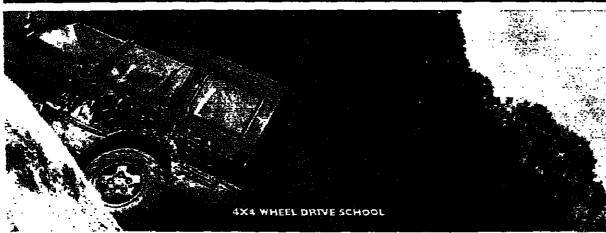
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people are very willing to come things from the airport. and join us. It's very, very This long article would unexhilarating. All we have to do pack the political theme of how is produce a magazine that everyone wants to buy."

get a portrait of The New Yorker, the most respected literary weekly in America, where there were (indeed, are) punctuation editors, and writers might take years to come up with an article.

And in this long piece, we would relish the comedy of the East-Coast literateurs bumping up against a more modern idea of what magazines are. We'd hear about the scoops, the severances, the buzz, the controversial articles, and the "do we have to know this?" pieces, such as Paul Theroux on dominatrices, and Daphne Merkin on her commanding interest in being spanked. But also the big stuff on Rwanda, the Attorney General, and Shakespeare.

So, using this as source material, can we proceed synerthe changes are resisted. We'd article, there are clearly two

career biography, with its theme of change and its context of byzantine opulence and intrigue. The second is a novel, perhaps in the genre of Bonfire of the Vanities, with a plucky English heroine pitting herself against the forces of reaction, taking on the establishment and winning. As the book, or books, are

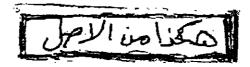
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published, a Tina TV-documentary is broadcast. This interviews her friends and enemies, uses newspaper cuts and footage to measure her achievements, and compares the facts of her career with the fictionalised version. Finally, the novel is turned

into a moody film about Manhattan powerbrokers and billionaires, with Kristin Scott-Thomas playing a version of the American dream. It's The English Patient crossed with Wall Street, but ending like Chariots of Fire.

That's a synergetic plan. Would everyone want to read it? Well, that would doubtless depend on the commissioning. the writing, the editing, and the people involved. It would also depend on whether the team was the First XI; on whether everyone could deliver. Tina says: "I vowed I would never go into business with partners who couldn't deliver. The Weinsteins are everything you could want. Fiscally prudent, fantastic promoters, and they've got great taste."

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Will the return of the looted art treasures of Europe, after 50 years, mark the final chapter of the Holocaust? By Adam LeBor

the last POWs, the paintings and sculptures that once graced the salons of pre-war Europe's Jewish bourgeoisie, from Berlin to Bucharest. While their owners vanished in the maelstrom of the Holocaust, their art collections were systematically looted by the Third Reich, a regime as rapacious as it was murderous. In 1945, the director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York estimated that the value of artwork plundered by the Nazis amounted to \$2.5bn.

Now, over five decades after the war's end, governments are launching a concerted drive to return looted art. At the end of this month, they believed they legitimately representatives of dozens of countries will meet in Washington DC, at the Conference on Holocaust Era assets. Phindered art will be high on the agenda, as delegates try and piece together the parts of the jigsaw, scattered all over the world, that makes up the art collections stolen and broken up.

There is much to discuss. A report released yesterday by the London-based Holocaust Educational Trust reveals how post-war Britain stonewalled attempts by wartime survivors to reclaim their artworks, and British officials even helped a convicted war criminal reclaim assets confiscated by Allied troops. The post-war government failed to impose safeguards of looted works of art passing through Britain, and cutoff restitution claims after 30 June 1949. Holocaust survivors, or their heirs, who attempted to reclaim their artworks were refused, even though well-connected German aristocrats and British establishment figures such as Lord Rothermere all received their collections back.

The Washington Conference is the latest stage in an unprecedented world-wide bout of soul searching over the fate of the property of the Jews killed in the Holocaust, and long-running battle to recover monies deposited in now dormant

hey have been called that pressured the Swiss to open their books and admit the full extent of their economic collaboration with the Third Reich suddenly realised that their own hands were less than clean.

> The international restitution campaign follows a conference earlier this year when 39 nations. led by the United States and including Britain, France and Germany, pledged to identify works of art looted by the Nazis, and return them. Now national museums, including British institutions, are setting up databases to determine the provenance of the works in their collections. Galleries could be forced to dismantle collections that have hung on their walls for decades, even if owned them.

> Why is this happening now? A world-wide desire to finally close the last chapter of the Holocaust and the collapse of the Communist bloc have both spurred on the restitution drive. The raising of the former Iron Curtain allowed Holocaust survivors to finally claim their rightful assets. no longer fearing that their governments would confiscate anything that was returned.

Psychological factors also play a role, says Stephen Ward of the Holocaust Education Trust. "There is a sense that the wartime generation, both victims and those involved in looting, want to settle unfinished business while they are still alive."

Britain, too, has some unfinished wartime business. Enthusiasm for battling the Nazis did not make the peacetime transition to returning artworks stolen by the Germans to their rightful owners or heirs. Officials in the British-run zones of post-war Germany and Austria based their policies of restitution than individuals.

Meanwhile, Lord Rothermere managed to recover first his collection of masterpieces from Hungary, of other victims of Nazism that and then, in 1947, a further 15 works began with the Swiss banks and the in Munich. Even a conviction as a war criminal was not necessarily a



turer Alfred Krupp claimed compensation from Britain over art treasures taken from his villa in 1945. By the early 1950s and the onset of the Cold War, Krupp, like many prewar German industrialists and financiers of the Nazi party, had been judged by the west as more useful in helping rebuild West Germany, than serving out his time in prison.

British officials, fearing "political embarrassment", according to the HET report, even tried to recover some of the Krupp property for the man whose weapons had killed so many Allied troops. "The case histories preserved at the Public Record Office suggest the rules could be bent for the powerful and influential, even, apparently, the families of some former Nazis," the HET report details.

This appears to have included relatives of Heinrich Himmler, who, on the First World War principles of it seems, were allowed to retain. Nuremberg set up a special unit in the Internet, at a site run by the dealing with governments rather some looted art. As he had died, his name was not on the list of war crimmals whose property was automatically forfeited.

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British art dealers and auction houses failed to take special care to check the provenance of art they handled after the war, the HET barrier to compensation from report adds. "For the trade, the Britain. In 1952, the arms manufac- only important question about a the Louvre would be disposed of. ers, many of which were museums.

work remained its authenticity - was 
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Sculptures, drawings, oils, watercolours, tens of thousands of works of art disappeared into the Third Reich's warehouses, and the homes of its leaders such as Hermann Goering. Whole museums, especially in the Soviet Union, were dismantled, boxed up and carried off. Private owners, especially Jews and Slavs, were sent to concentration camps, and their collections sent on to Berlin for the delectation of the Nazi leaders.

Paintings by artists like Cezanne and Van Gogh could be had for the picking as the Third Reich thundered its way across wartime Europe. France's museums offered the best bounty for the Nazis. Alfred Rosenberg, the supposed "Philosopher King" of the Third Reich. later hanged as a war criminal at chateaux and museums: the "Eizenstab Rosenberg".

In November 1940, Hermann Goering, one of the most rapacious members of the Nazi leadership, who fancied himself as an art connoisseur, issued a secret order detailing how objects plundered from

egories: for the Führer himself; for Goering's own collection and others,

to be sent to German museums. Goering would travel across the Reich himself after his spotters located suitable pieces. Hitler would receive visits from dealers in plunder such as Maria Almas-Dietrich. That she had given birth to an illegitimate daughter fathered by a Jew, and later married a Jewish Turk, did not seem to impede her trade with the Führer, and she sold him 270 paintings.

Many of these last POWs have found new homes in some of the world's most prestigious art museums. The Louvre, for example, has about 2,000 works of art recovered from the Nazis at the end of the war, that have not been returned to their owners or their rightful heirs. Those 2,000 pictures have been posted on order to plunder the country's French Ministry of Culture (http://www.culture.fr/www.culture.fr) for potential claimants to peruse and several ownership claims have been received.

About 100,000 works of art were looted from France by the Nazis, of which 60,000 were returned. Over 45,000 were returned to their own-

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unisex gyms would have to forgo women-only If this goes ahead, I

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Discrimination Act. Marvellous, we cry, this But after 90,000 French Jews were Nazi looting of art as a war-crime, killed in the Holocaust, many of them whole families, some could never be given back, even if the desire to return them had existed.

Which it often did not, according to declassified US Intelligence documents. Many art dealers made a tidy living out of buying up French Jews' collections on the cheap and selling them on to the Nazis.

The report of the US Art Looting Investigation Unit's final mission to Europe, in the summer of 1946, details French reluctance to pursue economic collaborators with the Nazis: "Despite the extensive documentation in French hands, some of it presented to them by this unit, the French have made disappointingly slow progress in the prosecution of their own collaborationist dealers, and there were many indicators this summer that most of the collaborationist dealers were continuing business as usual."

The US was a fruitful market for looted art, the report adds: "Many of these dealers had already re-established their contacts with dealers in the United States, and some of the objects acquired by looting and forced sale may have already been transferred to this country."

The Nuremberg trials classified

and from 1944 Britain and the US agreed that they would find and seize all Nazi assets. But seizure of looted Nazi assets did not automatically mean they would be used for restitution for Nazi victims. During 1945 and 1946, items taken by the British from properties formerly owned by Heinrich Himmler were used to decorate British military offices in the British-occupied zone of Germany.

Now, decades later, the world's conscience has finally awoken. Some artworks will never be found, for many masterpieces languish in the cellars of Russian museums, while others are out of reach in the vaults of Swiss banks, or were listed in files in government archives that have long since been destroyed. But this month in Washington

DC, governments are being driven by morality, however be of expediency.

Those paintings that survived Alois Miedl's 1944 convoy across the Spanish border might yet find their

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Men and women exercising together is not a good idea

Men and women react to exercise in different ways. If they can't lift that weight above their heads, or do that extra press-up, men get to thinking that their testicles will drop off and they will never have children. For women, if that last buttock squeeze just won't come, then it's happily off to the showers for a nice spot of exfoliating.

The last time I moved house, the one thing I missed was my local women's gym. God, it was marvellous. There were all these wonderful contraptions for slimming down muscle rather than building it up, and lots of manageable, hand-held weights in lovely shades

of pink and blue. Even the decor was boudoir blush. It was heaven.

Now I'm stuck with Unisex chrome. There are rows of torturous machinery, purely dedicated to building up those biceps, fore-ceps and back-ceps, or whatever those muscles are called. I like the kind of gyms where the clientele think a "cep" is a posh mushroom. Even the weights on these manly contraptions jump from 5 to 30 kilos (completely useless for wimpy girls). It really is an extremely sorry state of affairs.

However, there are a few nods to the legion of women who pay £40 a month for the privilege of being testosteroned to death. There is a nambypamby thought of the day, such as "flowers grow in moments of darkness", scribbled on a blackboard, and a huge changing room done out in some posh wood, and with nice showers. But that is

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simply not enough. I have decided that sweaty vests belong on cute builders, that masculine grunts belong in the bedroom and not on the bench-press, and I have since relinquished my membership to the Unisex nightmare. I am now treading the streets looking for a women's gym in NW10. It's the most exercise that I've had in months.

# Pssst! Can you keep a secret?

These are the London shops that the fashion in-crowd doesn't want you to know about. **Melanie Rickey** opens her address book

t was while leading a friend through the hodgepodge of stalls that make up Soho's Berwick Street market first left, then along a dark alley-way, through a small doorway, along a tiny corridor, and then up rickety stairs to a loft containing Vexed Generation's streetwear - that I fully understood the nature of secret shopping.

As we arrived, we checked out the other two people who were "in on it". They looked at us. We knew, and they knew. What exactly the "knowing" was all about I have no idea, but it felt good. We looked around quietly (secret shops frequently induce unnecessary self-consciousness) and left empty-handed, because the winter stock hadn't arrived, and I was after one of their coats.

A few days later I found myself discussing the discovery aspect of my shopping trip, only to find that The Pineal Eye there's nothing quite like knowing about a secret shop. It's all in the exclusivity of the merchandise, personal service, and intimate environment (attributes department stores try to emulate), the latter being what the secret fashion shop provides best.

West London is home to more Secret Shop destinations than the whole of the capital. The most established of these is The Cross, a boutique crammed with high fashion and life-style goodies. The rest in the west are situated in and around Portobello Market. In SW3 there is Voyage (that requires a membership card to gain entry), in Covent Garden is Koh Samui, a boutique whose stock has fast become a blueprint for future trends, and off Bond Street is Angela Hale a jewellery and trinket gallery par excellence. None of them qualify as "official" secrets any more because everyone in the know has discovered them, and passed them on.

On a day-long, London-wide quest to find secret shops, I came across six that deserved the title. In the west of town is The Jacksons. It is run by twin sisters, Louise and Joey, who have thrown their design expertise into a bohemian offering hich is one-part Mexican eclectic and two-parts Nobichi (for the uninitiated, that's Notting Hill Chic). Everything is for sale, from the artwork to the cow-hide carpet tiles from Mexico. It's the sort of place one would pop into to buy a pretty hair-clip, and leave with a sheepskincovered pouffe, embroidered slippers, a fake-fur overnight bag (the current bestseller) and a matching sheepskin handbag and hat.

It opened in August and has already attracted a world-wide clientele. "We get all sorts in here," says



**Austerity at Wall** 

minutes walk away.



Pippa Brooks, the ultimate shopgirl in her basement boudoir





Joey(left) and sister Louise of Jacksons

Louise Jackson, "but what amazes me most is how far people are willalpaca or pashmina. There is a ing to travel to specific shops. Our waiting list for their best-selling mailing list covers many parts of alpaca kimono house coat, and their England, and we've had customers trousers, tube skirts, shirts and calling in from Geneva, Monte Carlo cardigans are undoubtedly the seand the Bahamas." Most hear about cret ingredient to many a profestheir store through the grapevine, sional woman's (or man's) so I'm surprised when the Jackson wardrobe. "We are not cheap," I am sisters say they haven't heard of my assured by Judith, "Last week we next destination, Wall, which is 10 had Dustin Hoffman and his wife in." The Wall label is now available at Liberty where early reports suggest When I get there, I understand why. Minimal isn't the word. Everyit is a hit, meaning that, for now at

thing is black, grey or white. The least, their secret is out. music is probably from Tibet, and But, there are other secrets that should remain so, simply for their the staff pad about soundlessly. The oddness. In Maida Vale I discovered owners, Judith and Hernan Balathe Fashion Gallery, a tiny shop cazaar, opened Wall one year ago around the corner from a row of local with the view to selling a futuristic lifestyle idea. Their watchwords are amenities, which sells clothes and proportion, quality and longevity, and art. After ringing the doorbell I was the clothes for both sexes have all buzzed in, (no fussy door-policy here) to be met by a cacophony of this, but lack the essential spark that make them ultra-desirable. Everycolour. Trinkets, head-pieces, hand-

shades from pink to purple to moss green fight for space with neonbright paintings. I came away thinking "so Julien MacDonald's knitwear can be wearable", while marvelling at the mental mixture of things from Stella Cadente's bright brocade jackets. Clements Ribeiro's colourful pieces, and party dresses by Elspeth Gibson. It's owned by ex-City girl Susan Muncey, who is every bit as colourful as her stock. "We get lots of local celebrities in here, and many women looking for Bar Mitzvah outfits."

Back in Soho things are a little more buzzy. Down in Shop (which is sometimes mistaken for a lap-danc-(with best friend Max Carie), party girl and singer hangs out. She's surveying the small boudoir currently packed full of New York party-girl clothes. Nowhere else (bar NYC) has



Francis Ford), and new cult label Silas. A spin through the rails reveals Shop is in the process of launching its own label (Shop Girl), designed by Stevie Stewart, formerly of Bodymap, There's also a Shop Girl range of trinkets co-designed with jewellers Erikson Beamon which includes name necklaces (silver £49.95, gold £89.95), and hair-clips. "People come here on a discovery mission," says Brooks, "especially Japanese and Australian tourists, but the core of our customers is

London girls." Around the corner from Shop is ing bar), Pippa Brooks, part-owner The Pineal Eye, a new and experimental boutique of mostly unwearable clothes, run by a Japanese duo who simply adore fashion. Their stock in trade is catwalk show-pieces, and the work of young designers

quilts become jackets). Bruce (edgy, modern tailoring) and Noki, whose customised T-shirts are all the rage. They also sell mean-looking jewellery, cutting-edge magazines and the newest offering from Polaroid which takes instant pictures.

A look at the wall of photos in their polished metal store reveals designer Walter Van Beirendonck of W&LT is a recent customer, as are fashion stylists and models. At the end of my exhausting day

I return to the Soho alley-way outside Vexed Generation, the label many believe to be the inspiration for Prada's new sportswear line, and whose designers are as secretive as priests. It's closed. "They're doing it up lux," a stall-holder told me. I call them up, "What arc;" I ask. "You'll have to wait and see," comes the reply. Some secrets are better laft, I suppose.

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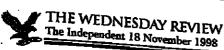
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# Cutting a dash

Next time you admire Cherie Blair's clothes, it might be your first glimpse of Louise Kennedy's work. By Belinda Morris

about certain fashion labels and trends: I just Zilkha. can't be doing with them. It's my fault really, probably my age, but I have no real longing to be wearing a name that just everybody would kill for And by the time I get round to thinking that bootleg trousers "look OK, I suppose", the fickle finger of for heaven's sake?) Which is the fashion points to clam diggers or some similarly iffy idea that's Kennedy outfit – it would be Blair's weaker points and equally unforgiving on the

chunkvish calf rush to the head sees me rifling Kennedy would be sure to steer through a rail of designer frocks, I find myself drawn to something restrained, or at least something passed over by anyone in search of a "musthave". It's one reason (aside from innate meanness) that I'm a familiar face in my local charity shops and vintage clothiag emporiums.

It also explains a predilection for little, out-of-town independent shops and particular department stores. Careful buying by women who know their customers very well, throws up not only the expected Nicole Farhis and Betty Jacksons (great as they are of course - love all that grey for this winter) but also a few less obviously popular ones. Anne Storey is one such recent find, but the latest is the relatively unsung Irish seamstress, Louise Kennedy.

She may be an unknown to you, but Louise Kennedy is the name on Cherie Blair's lips. She is also the label inside the lat- prim and cheeriess. est uniforms of the Aer Lingus cabin crew.

reached Prada-esque propor- Kennedy breezily. tions. But that isn't to say that she's scraping a living. As I write this she's probably on the phone to someone dead famous like Enya or Dervia Kirwan (Ballykissangel's Assumpta) discussing new hemlines or them either "too much" or "not the cut of a lapel. She has just enough". finished putting the final True, if you like your suits to touches on her latest purchase have some tricky twists and fit a five-story listed town house snugly where they touch, you in a particularly posh part of may be better off with a num-

And while all that's going on, Alexander in the back of her mind there Kennedy's though, are more might be the question of what about luxurious understatethe British PM's wife might fancy in her winter wardrobe. It would seem that Cherie Blair to anything else, think Donna has discovered Louise Karan or Calvin Klein. Kennedy. Very discreet, naturally, about her latest eminent a contemporary twist," is how client, the ebullient Ms Kennedy is nonetheless tickled pink (or more appropriately, a Quality is very important, I

've long held this view our first lady away from ladies longevity and be cherished.

Dressing celebrities brings with it hazards, of course. The media love nothing more than a good bitch about the dress sense of public figures and poor Cherie has suffered her fair share of sniping. (Well, who does look her best in a tracksuit, great thing about a Louise very hard to go wrong. And if it sartorial foibles. seemed as though you were On the odd occasion that a about to, the no-nonsense Ms

you tactfully back in the right direction. Having been the number one fashion choice of the former Irish Prime Minis-ter, Mary Robinson, as well as what she wants," reveals countless embassy women, she's clued-up as to the requirements of one whose legs may suddenly be exposed to a hundred flash bulbs. "I know what these women

need," she explains, "how and where they'll be sitting, standing or walking and how they'll be photographed. It's important that they forget about what they're wearing Mary Robin-son once told me that my clothes were a comfort blanket to her, which was a great compliment."

Not that Louise Kennedy's clothes are predictably safe -they're not, just carefully considered. For "safe" can be a problem, because just as a luminary can be berated for going (Cher-like) over the top, she can also land in it for being

"You win some, you lose some - you can't please every-Her renown has not (as yet) one all the time," says Ms

You'd be hard-pressed to point an accusing finger at her collection of beautifully-cut tailoring; softly structured, hand-painted silks; and sumptuous velvet wraps and declare

ber by John Galliano or McQueen. ment, and balance of proportions. If they must be compared

"Uncluttered, clean and with she sums up her style. "I take away rather than embellish. muted dusty rose) at wresting want a garment to have

who-lunch favourite, Ronit And at around £350 for a jacket, my average customer is not a

transient type." Indeed not, no one could ever accuse Meryl Streep on Emma Freud of that.

So, Cherie Blair - what's she like? Is she picky, or bossy, or easily persuaded? Ms Kennedy won't be drawn on anything remotely salacious,

Ms Kennedy will only say that Cherie Blair said lots of nice things about her designs when she visited her stand at London Fashion Week earlier

Which is just as you'd expect. Merrion Square, Dublin



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### Designs on Christmas...

... Modern Ground, the one-stop shop for gifts. By Hannah Hunter

IF YOU have trouble finding fashionable presents, and don't want to trek around to find something unusual, the Modern Ground Christmas Gallery may provide a solution. Running right up until Christmas Eve, the

exhibition includes work from leading contemporary designers, as well as new talents. These objects of desire range from handbags and jewellery, to ceramics and furniture. Highlights of the exhibition include the work of Italian lighting designer, Jacopo Foggini, whose beautiful resin lights are collected by shops and museums all over the world, but who is little known in this country.

graduate. Emily Trotter, is showing her feather bags, that look like oversized powder puffs. Katie Clark makes jewellery from various materials, including elastic and feathers, and uses precious metal settings. She graduated from Middlesex two years ago, and sells work around the country in various shops and galleries.

Recent Cordwainers

The ceramic work of Dawn Hargreaves is being shown in London for the first time, and her spiky



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beautifully glazed with metallic and metal oxide finishes. Rachel Barraclough, the

brains behind Modern Ground, organised the exhibition as a one-stop antidote to unimaginative Christmas shopping: "I felt that lots of designers were making great things, and that people would buy them if they knew that they existed. Modern Ground exhibitions are places where people can come to source contemporary objects, that they wouldn't normally see."

Modern Ground Christmas Gallery, 92 Lotts Road, London SW10, until 24 December For enquiries, 0171-510 1021

Why leave time travel to Doctor Who and Nicholas Lyndhurst? Playwrights have been doing it for years. By Paul Taylor

# Time is of the essence

here are two things rate triple-time scheme in the service that the chattering classes know about Harold Pinter's 1978 play, Betrayal. One is that it is based on the author's own affair with the journalist and television presenter Joan Bakewell. The other is that it dramatises the story of a wife's affair with her husband's best friend in reverse sequence - beginning two years after the liaison is over (and as the woman's marriage is breaking up) and ending with the party Trevor Nunn's revival of the piece making a toast at the end, talks of how at the National, opening next week, provides a good opportunity to range

Betrayal against other dramas that

employ an artificial time scheme and

to argue that Pinter's play finds the best moral and artistic justification tomorrows we have just seen. When a dramatist allows an audience to view the present circumstances of his characters in of Betrayal. Here the structure the light of their future - a future made literally a forgone conclusion it can all too often result in a kind of galleried voyeuristic pessimism tit's no wonder that Brecht had littie truck with such temporal shufflings). And this may happen despite the playwright's express intentions. that was backwards". Watching or

Time and the Conways famously flashes forward from 1919 to 1937 play takes us to its source. and back, from the end of one war to the prelude of another. As well as This is the scene at the party where the husband Robert walks in highlighting the fragility and poignancy of hope, Priestley wanted the structure of the play to reflect his consoling conviction that linear alone in the bedroom. A vertiginous time is only an illusion. Each cross-moment which a (possibly) drunken sectional moment of our lives including our younger untarnished selves - goes on existing forever in a four-dimensional landscape that rising to the challenge Robert we can only see a bit at a time. In clasps Jerry's shoulder, and in that impact is the sneak preview of those fectively betrays all three of them. dwindled lives (glowing socialist mercenary school mistress) and the way we can trace the origins of the sense that Robert and Emma's such disappointment when the play marriage is sustained by the adulreturns to the earlier period. A self-professed homage to Priest- suggestions crystallise in that sec-

ley, Alan Ayckbourn's 1993 play Time ond. In the other plays mentioned,

of a systematic, wilful negativity as it charts the decline of a large family business. All set (rather implausibly) in the same restaurant, its present-tense centrepiece is a fatal birthday party for the overbearing matriarch of this brood. The play cross-cuts between this awkward feast and parallel lunch scenes. The structure permits multiple ironies but the before-and-after scenes just supplement the depressing sense you've had from the start that the need for their mother's approval has ruined her sons' lives. When the father, we are usually too busy worrying about tomorrow or thinking about yesterday to identify moments of positive happiness, his words are undermined by all the yesterdays and

The play comes across, in the main, as a cynical stunt. That's not a charge you could lay at the door feels neither in excess of the moral facts nor, though it might be said to constitute an enveloping betrayal, like a mean trick on the characters. Pinter has said that "when I realised the implications of the play, I knew there was only one way to go and The middle of JB Priestley's reading it, I have always felt as if I was being steered along a poisoned stream until, in the final moment, the

on his wife Emma and Jerry, who has just declared his love for her Jerry tries to cover up with courtly compliments to his best friend about Emma's beauty. Instead of The bond between the men, arthan their relationship with Emma; terous menage-à-trois - these of My Life, has none of his hope but the move back in time is a twice his ingenuity, using an elabo-shift from experience to relative favourite café-bar. The temporal the equivalent memory in Betroyol







practice, though, what makes the gesture of reassuring affection, ef- Main picture: Imogen Stubbs, Anthony Calf and Douglas Hodge in Trevor Nunn's 'Betrayal'; above left 'Time of My Life'; above right 'Timeless'

Friends might do if Harold Pinter Greig's recent music-theatre piece joy which we already know will Timeless took a self-conscious leaf out of Betrayal's book. Focusing on four Scottish twentysomethings, it dramatises their meetings at a

haunt them for the rest of their lives.

The point, though, is that in stands unsullied. I'm not sure that

see the foursome on the brink of an little daughter in the air; remains epiphanic experience on a beach at without taint. There's the suspiwere on the writing team", David dawn - a timeless moment of pure cion, at one stage, that it may have been an attempt to put Robert off the scent by being ostentatiously pally with the kids. Of course, Robert in Greig's timeshifts, that moment turn betrays Jerry by coming clean

when he finds out about the affair. The retroverted structure of innocence, it leaves them at the

innocence. Not so with Betrayal. leap-back is very Betrayal-like: we (of Jerry playfully throwing Robert's Betrayal is compelling for many point, where, horrifyingly, they will reasons, not fust because it allows the audience, with its privileged information, to focus attention on the creepy mechanics of deceit rather Sending the characters on a backwards journey that never reaches a state of unambiguous

have to start the whole desolating business again, The form of this play powerfully brings to mind two lines of TS Eliot: "After such knowledge than on the convolutions of plot. what forgiveness?" and "in my beginning is my end".

> Betrayal is previewing at the National Theatre (0171-452 3000)

### ON THE FRINGE DOMINIC CAVENDISH

JUST WHEN COROR McPherson's The Weir seemed to be the last. word in pub theatre, along comes Jack Shepherd's mightily impressive Half Moon at the Southwark Playhouse. Although boasting a more densely populated catchment area than McPherson's Leitrim watering hole, this Fitzrovia boozer is equally forlorn and its clientele just as haunted, though

ideological debate rather than ghost stories. The play is set in 1982; Simon Doe's wonderful replica saloon instantly suggests a world apart. The day's news - the opening engagements of the Falklands War - steals in by word of mouth, gradually proving a bone of contention between the raddled bohemians who gather following the

they are in the grip of

funeral of their modernist painter chum, Quentin. Shepherd's dialogue transforms the casual skirmishes of bar-room banter into a complex war of words punctuated by ugly brawls. He captures, with comic brio, the mutual antipathies of washed-up

contemporaries Eric and Ray who unleash torrents of impertinence under the combined influence of age and alcohol - but who then find themselves holding uneasy truces when their lifestyle is challenged by a rebarbative Glaswegian

and a young artist, Nick. The latter's pugnacious defence of the war against Argentina is bound up with his contempt for the high-mindedness he ascribes to old-guard

creative types. His retort, "fuck principles", to the pacifist Eric rings out like a proclamation on behalf of Thatcherite Britain but Shenherd, who directs. never allows our sympathies to rest with any one party for long.

Jackie Everett is a magnificently sozzled Elvira (a sort of boho Dot Cotton), Ralph Watson's Ray resembles a Peter Cook might-have-been and Liam Hourican makes a forceful debut as the outgunned Nick.

Weddings and a Funeral, Tamasha's music-filled adaptation of a Bollywood blockbuster, is so exaggeratedly faithful, it allows a tongue-in-cheek secondary reading which meshes neatly with the story's latent critique of arranged marriages. At the ICA every weekend this month, Julian Maynard Smith and Susannah Hart of Station House Opera are performing their brilliant Roadmetal, Sweetbread. Mimed exchanges are wittily counterpointed by video-projected alter-egos as they examine the constraints of coupledom from every angle in one hour. It looks viciously modern, but the subtext is

'Half Moon', Southwark Playhouse, SE1 (0171-620 3494) to 5 Dec; Tamasha, Lyric Studio, W6 (0181-741 8701) to 5 Dec; 'Roadmetal, Sweetbread'. ICA, SW1 (0171-930 3647)

reassuringly old hat: all's

fair in love and war.

### You can't see the wood for the trees

THE DONMAR'S latest show resents Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood and host of other fairy-tale characters but it's no pantomime. Instead, it's a smart revival of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's musical morality tale. This theatre recently acquired a reputation for star casting with Nicole Kidman but the star of John Crowley's production is not an actor, but his brother, the de-

signer Bob Crowley. With the audience on three sides, this is not an easy space for designers but Crowley casts a hugely evocative spell. The The fringe also offers two wildly different, but original Broadway production worthwhile new works. was smothered beneath a gluti-Fourteen Songs, Two nously sweet design but Crowley resists the temptation. His Hansel and Gretelstyle furniture and the beautiful backcloth suggest classic chil-

palette is richer, darker and As the characters set off

into the woods in search of their wishes, the backdrop lifts to reveal a dense, lush forest of evergreens rising up to a tiny castle. Moodily lit by Paul Pyant, it is all richly redolent of Grimm's fairytale, highly appropriate as not everything ends as happily ever after as the hopeful and sprily comic first half promises. Jack climbs his beanstalk, Cinderella marries her prince and a baker and his wife have a child having fol-

lowed the orders of a witch. But terror strikes at the opening of Act 2. An unseen, vengeful and highly metaphorical giant comes calling, bringing death and destruction. The rest of the action is somewhat akin to a disaster movie. Faced dren's illustrations but his with stark choices of love, life

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and death, who will survive? Sondheim provides his character with some of his most heartfelt music, climaxing with the beautiful quartet "No-one

This is, in every sense, a chamber version. The musical director Mark Warman has reorchestrated the piece for nine players to wondrous effect. bringing out the colours of the score with aching solo cello lines and translucent woodwind wiring. His tempi tend to be slow which sometimes robs the action of drive and momentum but it means that for



'Into the Woods': occasionally needs more energy

similarly detailed, encourage es which aren't strong enough ing a very droll wit from his to really lift the music and company, notably Clare Burt's hence the drama. Musing on once you hear virtually every stylish witch. Yet occasionally her unexpected moment of

John Crowley's direction is Some of this stems from voicsingle word of the telling lyrics. you yearn for more energy. pleasure with a prince, the

baker's wife sings of a life full of tiny moments, before realising that "if life were made of moments, then you'd never know you had one". That's a peculiarly apt description for a production whose intimacy makes you feel as if you are watching a well-acted play with music rather than being treated to a full-blown musical.

Audiences at Sondheim's Company reacted with shocked delight to a musical which challenged them intellectually. Into the Woods is not quite in the same league but at its best, it vividly demonstrates that musicals need not be for children or the childish. To 14 Feb (0171-369 1732)

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### A fairy-tale of polished complexity

MANCHESTER HAS developed a good line in festivals. Tippett, along with Debussy, was fêted in a special concert series. while Lutoslawski, Górecki and Dutilleux also came to Manchester to hear their music. Numerous composers, from Birtwistle to Maxwell Davies,

were present last spring when the ISCM chose Manchester to present a cornucopia of new music events under the umbrella of World Music Days. The latest composer to be given the Manchester experience is the cosmopolitan 72year-old, Hans Werner Henze. Thanks to a seed sown a cou-

ple of years ago, when stu-

dents from the Royal Northern

College of Music were playing

at Henze's own Tuscan festival in Montepulciano, the RNCM hosted his first visit to the city and a five-day festival of his music in concerts (including six British premières), workshops and discussions.

The opening event was a staging of one of Henze's children's operas, Pollicino, and, true to fairy-tale form, it was a magical evening, with singers and instrumental ensemble (including recorders, crumhorns. mouth organ and harmonium) of local schoolchildren and RNCM students conducted with authority by Garry Walker. Continuing the theatrical theme, unavoidable with Henze, the RNCM New Ensemble brought an extraordi-

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nary intensity to Henze's Requiem (1990-92), which includes a personal roll-call of horrors past (Auschwitz and Hiroshima) and extremely present (Baghdad and Sarajevo).

Later in the week, the RNCM Symphony Orchestra and Elgar Howarth gave two UK premieres: the bitter-sweet Gypsy Tunes, and Sarabandes, an arrangement drawn from one of his ballet scores, and the revised version of his Symphony No.6 (1969/74) for two chamber orchestras. This difficult score, which requires ing amplified violin.

relentless virtuosity, has been made harder still by the composer's fully composed revision of all the formerly random, aleatoric passages. In this Symphony, in which, in the composer's words, "a conflict is depicted", Henze's loyalty to classical form and forces is challenged by his use of period political messages. Each idea, from the Vietnamese freedom song, "Stars in the Night", Theodorakis's "Song to Freedom" and lines from the Cuban -Miguel Barnet's Proof Corrections, to exhilarating Cuban dance rhythms, is distinctively portraved, whether on banjo, guitar and alto flute, or haunt-

After its première in 1952, Henze's Piano Concerto No. 1 was all but forgotten. Rediscovered and dusted down, it received its first British performance in the closing concert. given by the BBC Philharmonic under Ingo Metzmacher. It was dispatched brilliantly, especially in the biting rhythms, by Peter Donohoe, though Henze, hearing the work for the first time in nearly 50 years, was inscrutable. On this airing, it sounded curiously restricted, as if it hadn't quite blossomed fully. Or perhaps, like the orchestra, its effect was lessened by the limitations of the RNCM Concert Hall.

Even without following Henze's clues to the various

direct links between his Synphony No. 8 (1992:3) and Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, it was impossible not to be seduced by the orchestral palette from which he draws Shakespeare's characters and their comic and touching en counters, especially in the final, exquisite adagio, "If we shadows have offended...", inspiring extremely polished playing from strings and woodwind.

In its textbook example of Henze's accessible yet often complex style, mixture of for mality and lyricism, wide-ranging material and instrumental theatricality, the Eighth Symphony seemed to sum up the

whole Festival. LYNNE WALKER e Paul Taylor

Your family may have lived in the same house since the beginning of the century, but it's all for nothing if the lease is about to run out. By Karen Woolfson

# The best laid plans can turn to rubble

think the leasehold system should go. When you buy a house or flat, you should be buying the ground it stands on, the two parts of the property can't be separated. Once you buy, the property should be yours." So says Glenys Bridges, who is battling to retain the home in South Wales that her family has lived in since the beginning of

Ms Bridges' mother died in June this year It was only when she was going through the papers after her mother's death that she discovered the lease on the family home is due to expire in September next year. "I'm angry with the law as it stands. I wasn't living in the house and you can't go to a Leasehold Valuation Tribunal if you have not been a resident for the three years immediately preceding the

Her grandfather first moved into the house in 1909 and rented the property from the leaseholder until he passed away in 1946. Her mother then took over the rent until deciding to buy the family home in 1963. It had 36 years left on the lease and she did not seek an extension or purchase

Ms Bridges says: "Many older people don't understand the leasehold system, and the whole notion of dealing with solicitors is not something they would do. My mother never went out to work and going to a solicitor wasn't in her or my father's domain before he passed away. She didn't understand the complexities of freehold and thought that me and my-sister would receive the family home on her death."

She has approached the freeholder in an attempt to buy the property and has been quoted the sum of £27,500 which is more than the average small terraced house in this depressed area is selling for at present, according to her valuer.

"If I had lived in the house in five out of the past 10 years, I could have applied to go through the enfranchisement process, but I haven't. I think my mother would have acted if she had been alerted to how the freehold system works and if the process was simpler and cheaper to carry out. My mother was a frail old woman in her last few years and wasn't able to do anything that took much effort."

Ms Bridges would buy the house if it was sold for what she believes is a "reasonable sum of money", taking into account that her parents put much of their savings into the property. She wants the Government to put a stop to people buying up freeholds. collecting ground rent and then waiting for a lease to expire so they can "scoop the pools". But it is uncertain whether the Government's heralded overhaul of the leasehold system will manage to tackle this type of problem in the short term.

However, Hilary Armstrong, the Minister for Housing, told a conference held by the Association of Residential Managing Agents a few days ago that the



Failing to keep an eye on your leasehold can lead to dire consequences for your home

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overall objective of leasehold reform "is to provide leaseholders with the opportunity to reap the full benefits of owner occupation and, individually or collectively, to have control over the way in which their homes are managed."

Ms Armstrong said one key purpose is to make it easier for leaseholders to buy the freehold of their homes: "The existing eligibility rules for enfranchisement are hard to understand and can be difficult to meet in the case of flats. The whole procedure gives landlords who have ready access to professional advice an unfair advantage. The basis for determining the price is complex and open to argument. This leads to uncertainty for prospective purchasers over the eventual cost which can often deter leaseholders from getting involved in the enfranchisement process."

She stressed that the Government remains committed to introducing a new form of tenure called "commonbold," giving leaseholders the freehold of the property on which their flat stands. However, Ms Armstrong added that "this is an ideal long-term goal" and later went on to say that commonhold would initially be available to new developments but that the Government would also be looking at how leaseholders could convert to commonhold status.

Leaseholders may also be given the

right to manage their own block without work, the regulator needs power, not only to impose fines and strike people off a the need to prove neglect by the existing management. She added that the register, so that they can no longer Government is "considering whether operate, but also the power to imprison the there should be some form of control over worst offenders. Legislation must, at the same time, be strengthened to eliminate managing agents and landlords who manage their own properties". The latter as much interpretation as possible, ensure full disclosure of every penny spent and create transparency of information. is likely to be the key to the whole process because the danger, as some newly enfranchised leaseholders have found, is that they find themselves with an unscrupulous board of leasehold directors running the her column. Write to: Homebattles, c/o Nic newly formed freehold company. Cicutti, Personal Finance section, The In-

This new breed of "leasehold landlords" may inflate service charges for their own gain, present service charge accounts in a misleading fashion and fail to provide the full set of accounts leaseholders or Companies House requires under legislation. They may also fail to provide access to the "full and complete set of invoices and receipts" for every item of expenditure on the service charge accounts, which can run into thousands of pounds. In other cases, they fail to carry out the legal procedure for consultation over building works and refuse to hold annual general meetings.

The Government may introduce strict regulation which applies in the same way to newly enfranchised "leasehold landlords" and any other type of landlord or managing agent in an effort to clamp down on the unscrupulous. But in order to

Have trust in trusts

I TOOK a call from a potential client last week, Mr McNish. A few weeks previously he had asked for some investment recommendations. He had £30,000 and wanted income. The call was to query these recommendations which he had received. "What I don't understand," he began, "is that you have suggested a portfolio of UK unit trusts with a gross income of 3.5per cent. But where is the benefit in that if I can get 7 per cent in the building society?"

A perfectly reasonable question, before attempting to answer it, I wanted to check my facts. "You wanted income and you agreed that your need was about £1,000 pa but we also discussed inflation protection, right? You also said that you would have no call on the capital for at least five years."

Yes. I want the income. I probably won't want the capital at all, but I don't want to lock it away for more than five years."

"We also agreed to assume inflation at 3 per cent per annum, that interest rates are more likely to fall than rise and that you were not concerned about short-term fluctuation of capital values?

That is true, but I still cannot see any advantage in accepting an income of half what I could get from the building society."
"OK" I said, "let me explain.

First, let us work on the basis that interest rates do not fall over the next five years. Next, good-quality UK equity income unit trusts have a history of increasing both income and capital at a rate greater than inflation, but let us assume that over the next five years they only grow at 5 per cent. Do these seem reasonable assumptions, favouring, if any-

thing, the building society?"
"Yes, that seems fair enough." "Good. So, the building society will produce £2,100 pa, that is £10,500 over the five years. At the five year point, because of inflation, the buying power of the £30,000 will have fallen to about £25,762. Now, in the first year, the equity portfolio will produce only £1,050 income but remember it is growing at 5 per cent pa so the total income over the period should be around £5,800, that's about £4,700 less than the building society. But, remember, the capital has grown at 5 per cent pa and stands at around £38,300 after five years. So, if we add the income and capital gain, we have £14,100 which is £3,600, or around 34per cent, more than the building sociTHE FIXERS



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ety. What's more, by year five the UK equity income unit trust portfolio should be producing an income of £1,275 pa that's over 21 per cent higher than when first invested and 4.25 per cent gross." "Oh yes," he said. "I am begin-

ning to see what you mean." "There are no guarantees with the UK equity income unit trust portfolio, though we have assumed lower returns than have been the case historically. On the other hand, let's not forget that building society returns seem more likely to fall and we've assumed

they'll be constant."
Mr McNish hesitated. "But isn't there a risk of the UK equity income unit trusts falling in value?"

"At some point, such falls are in-evitable," I replied, "but the beauty of such funds is that falling values do not tend to result in falling income. As long as the end result is satisfactory, do fluctuating capital values matter much?"

"Well no, I suppose not, Yes, I see what you are getting at. The interest rate from the building society may look the best bet initially, but over time, the overall result is likely to be better with the UK equity income unit trusts.

"Exactly. Though if you'd needed the higher income from day one, we would have had to look at other options. We have a booklet called Defending Your Income. Why don't I put a copy in the post before you make your final decision?

I sent the booklet; Mr McNish became a client this morning.

A free copy of 'Defending Your Income' is available from Whitechurch Securities Limited.

### Give Elvis some credit

WHEN LAURISSA Thompson read that Bank of Scotland had issued an Elvis Presley credit card, she not only applied for one on her own behalf but for her boyfriend, too.

"I had been thinking of getting a cred it card and when I saw the Elvis card I thought it would be fun. I also applied for one for my boyfriend, Mark John, as he likes Elvis and does a good version of Devil in Disguise on karaoke nights at the local pub," says 25-year-old Laurissa, of Littlebourne, in Kent.

The Elvis card is just one of more than 1,500 affinity cards in issue. These credit cards work just like any other credit card, except every time you use it, the card issuer makes a donation to the affinity group. An affinity group is any organised group where the members have a common interest. It can be a charity, a fan club, a leisure group, sports club, professional organisation or trade union.

The amount donated on these cards varies. But typically for every £100 you spend on your card, a 25p donation is made, and in some cases more. On top of this, if you pay an annual fee on your card, this will go to the affinity group. But usually there is no annual fee on the card and instead the card issuer will contribute between £2.50 and £10 to the affinity group when you take out the card.

This may not sound much, but it can soon mount up. The average amount spent on a credit card each year is more than £1,500. So if your card issuer donates 25p for every £100 you spend, this means an annual donation of £3.75 plus any initial or annual fee on the card.

Groups such as the RSPCA and the Open University have raised more than fim through affinity cards while the British Legion has raised more than £303,000 and Action Aid more than £500,000. Other groups which have a card include Liverpool Football Club, Harley Davidson Club, National Childbirth Trust, Star Trek, Labour Party, National Chrysanthemum Society, Royal Yacht-

Affinity cards are a cost-free way to donate. **By Abigail Montrose** 



Shopping with The King

ing Association, The Samaritans and Brooke Hospital for Animals.

An affinity card enables the cardholder to support their chosen group in more ways than one and at no expense to themselves. Not only does the group receive money from the card issuer every time the cardholder uses the card, but it also receives publicity and can be a talking point when you are out shopping with the card. In terms of cost, card issuers tend to charge the same rates of interest on affinity cards as on their other credit cards, says Alex Steven, director of affinities at Bank of Scotland.

"These are competitive products although they are not preferential. They are not necessarily the cheapest credit cards around, but they are competitive,"

So if the rates are the same as on a standard credit card and the card issuers

have more expenses as they have to make the donations, what is in it for them? The answer is the possibility of picking up new business. Not only might they attract new customers, but as most affinity card issuers are banks, they also then might be able to offer these people more than just a credit card.

The major issuers of affinity cards are Bank of Scotland, Beneficial Bank, the Cooperative Bank, MBNA, Midland Bank and Royal Bank of Scotland.

When the Bank of Scotland decided back in 1989 to move into the affinity group market it began by approaching likely groups and offering them a card. Nowadays, it is just as likely to be approached by a prospective group as it is to be making the initial contact.

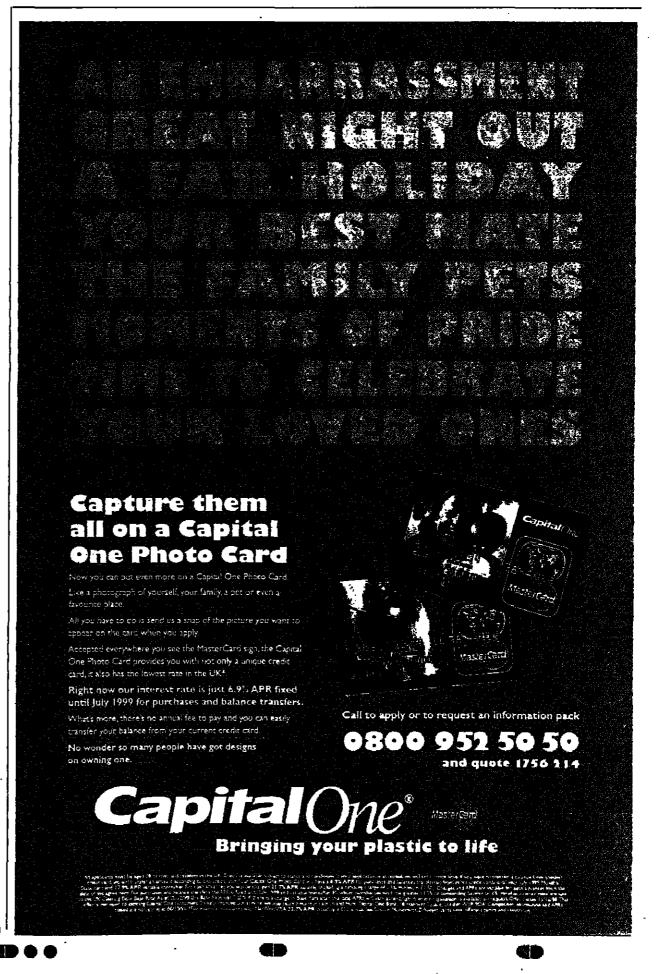
In order to apply for its own card, the group needs to be properly set up and is ikely to have articles of association. The bank will want the group to have a database of at least 15,000 members to make it worth its while.

Once the group has been issued with its own credit card, Bank of Scotland may then look at other products such as personal loans and instant access savings accounts which it thinks the members may be interested in. But it will only approach the members about these if the group endorses the products and they are then branded to the affinity group.

As well as being a good way to attract new customers, affinity cards also tend to bring in good customers, says Mr

"These groups tend to have members who have proven they are good customers and are keen to be associated with the organisation they are members of," he says.

But before you cut up your old credit card, choose an affinity card, apply and make sure your application is accepted. Then see how much credit you are being offered, as it may not be as high as the limit your existing card issuer is prepared



# Sharing the risks and the rewards

The Chancellor wants to encourage workers to have a greater share in their companies. Tony Butcher examines his Budget options

increasing employee share ownership. In his pre-Budget report carlier this month, Mr Brown said he wanted to reward long-term commitment by employees and encourage a new enterprise culture of teamwork. He said he also wanted to encourage high-quality managers to share in the risks and rewards of running small and medium enterprises. There will be consultation on how to achieve these objectives, with a view to including them in the

The Chancellor's first objective is to double the number of companies in which all employees have the opportunity to own shares and thus tecome "stakeholders". So what does he have in mind?

There are two Revenueapproved share schemes designed to benefit all employees, rather than just being tailored for selected ones. The first is the Save As You Earn scheme, of which the Chancellor might seek to improve the terms. Under such a scheme, an gives a tax-free bonus after three, five and seven years. When entering the scheme, the employee is granted an option to acquire shares schemes. Under these, the company in the company at no less than 80 per cent of the then share price. After the savings period has individual employees to a limit of the elapsed, the employee either takes greater of 10 per cent of salary and the cash or uses it to acquire shares in the company by exercising the £8,000. Providing the shares are option. Contrary to the normal rule held for at least three years, there that applies to employee share- is no income tax charge on either medium enterprises. holdings, there is no tax to pay on exercising the option, and the profit sale by the employee, and the cost on the eventual sale of the shares is charged to capital gains tax (subject to tapering and the annual exemption), not income tax.

he Chancellor, Gordon ensure that more companies offer more widely adopted. As an addimight include in its consultative document are: widen the initial even though the cost really falls on the shareholders: reduce the savings periods; reverse the reduction in the rate of bonus introduced last month.

But none of these is anything more than a tinkering with the rules, which are already quite generous, having gradually been made

more so by previous chancellors. We employee can invest up to £250 a do not expect any further month in a savings scheme that improvement in the tax rules to make more than a marginal differ-

ence to these schemes.

pays money to trustees who acquire shares and appropriate them to £3,000, subject to a maximum of appropriation to the employee or for calculating the capital gain on sale is the initial value of the shares, even though the employee originally got them for free. Once again, it So how might this scheme be would seem that tinkering with the

Brown, has just set out them and more employees take tional objective, the Treasury says two main objectives for them up? Ideas that the Revenue that both this scheme and the SAYE scheme "might be redesigned to provide stronger incentives for longerdiscount from 20 per cent to, for term shareholding by all example, 30 per cent; give the employees". The context of this company tax relief on that discount, statement is that only one-third of SAYE scheme participants hold

onto their shares. So how could the Chancellor encourage people to hold onto their shares longer? One way is that he could treat the shares as being business assets for taper relief, even though the holding is below the

The Chancellor's hands are somewhat tied if he wants to achieve anything meaningful. So, on to the second objective:

attracting entrepreneurs to small enterprises

5 per cent threshold. The shares would then qualify for the higher rate of taper, and after one year rather than three. This may not make very much difference, however, because Then there are profit-sharing for many people, the annual exemption, which is currently £6,800, is sufficient to avoid any tax liability on the gain.

Once again, the Chancellor's hands are somewhat tied if he wants to achieve anything meaningful. So, on to the second objective; attracting entrepreneurs to small and In its paper, the Treasury says it

wants to "encourage more high calibre managers to join and stay with smaller companies, particularly early stage, high-technology companies".

ing created thousands of dollar millionaires among its workers. But in Britain, too, the idea has won support, with FI Group, the information technology support company founded by Steve Shirley, long owned by its largely female workforce. The Treasury paper also asks

whether tax incentives "might tilt the risk-reward balance to encourage entrepreneurial ambition and focus the incentives where they can be most effective. Limiting any incentives to key managers in a targeted group of smaller companies could avoid problems of earlier executive share option schemes which were indiscriminate in the tax advantages they provided and were often unrelated to the risks taken by managers benefiting from the options."

This last part is a reference to Revenue-approved "executive" option schemes. Previously, the limit was the greater of four times salary and £100,000. There were certain highly-publicised events late in 1995, particularly among privatised utilities, which led to the Greenbury Committee and former chancellor. Kenneth Clarke. initially wanting to do away with the scheme altogether.

Mr Clarke had second thoughts when he realised that it was not only high-earners but also middle management and supermarket check-out staff who would be affected, so he tightened the rules and brought in the cap of £30,000. Clearly, from the Treasury's reference to these schemes, we should not anticipate any general improvement to their tax treatment. If the improvement is confined to small and medium enterprises. however, the scope for abuse is much reduced. So what lines might such an improvement take?

If the shareholding is limited to, Microsoft is perhaps the most for example, 5 per cent of the commade more attractive in order to rules wouldn't make the scheme obvious example of a company using pany's capital, the Chancellor might



Steve Shirley, of FI Group, which uses equity to retain key staff

Kevin Lamarque/Reuters

the shares as business assets for taper relief, even where the holding is 5 per cent or less.

possibly take an even bolder step: for unapproved option schemes, the income charge that would otherwise apply on the exercise of the option would be postponed until the sale of the shares. In this way, the employee would then be encouraged to retain the shares rather than immediately sell them to pay the tax charge. This postponed income tax charge might be converted into a capital gains tax charge, providing that the shares are retained for a minimum period after exercise of the option, thus giving a further fillip to longer-term holding. Alternatively, the company itself

giving it a discount on its corpora-tion tax if, for example, a given percentage of its shares were held by 5 per cent or less. employees who had relatively small individual holdings.

What about thinking the unthinkable? The boldest step of all would be for any kind of share incentive scheme, and not just an option scheme, that would do away with the income tax charge altogether. An employee in a small- or medium-sized enterprise could be given a relatively small shareholding without paying income tax on the receipt, so there would be just capital gains tax to pay (by reference to the nil cost) when shares were sold.

Providing the Chancellor is bold enough, he could succeed in his aim of encouraging high-calibre

consider: lifting the cap to, for would get tax relief, perhaps by people to work for small and medi-example, £100,000 again; or treating giving it a discount on its corpora-um enterprises and help them um enterprises and help them grow. This could be achieved through the tax system. Whether he can achieve his aim of doubling the coverage of all-employee share ownership plans is much more doubtful. Past chancellors have tried to do this before. There is no magic formula and whatever is attempted, the law of diminishing re-

turns tends to set in. Gordon Brown should be looking for incentives that lie outside the tax system. For instance, a governmentbacked loan scheme for employees where they can buy shares that are not repayable until those shares are actually sold.

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### A dodgy deal in jargon

I'VE OFTEN wondered about the computer gurus who design trading systems. Do they, for instance, have any understanding of what it's really like being a trader? Or do they, as is widely believed round here, live on another

"Definitely another planet," grumbled Laura last week as we ploughed our way through the user manual for the new in-house trading system. "What language is this? Vulcan? Klingon? I can't make head or tail of it."

Whatever it is, not one of us can understand it; a bit of a problem given that we're meant to be using the guide and the system it describes.

Soon, however, it should be no more than a hideous memory. Laura and I have been slaving away for days. playing with the system and re-doing the user guide. It's been an edifying experience. If nothing else, it's a forceful reminder of how you can shell out loads of money and still not get what you were originally looking for.

to think of a trading system that relies on everyone being

A RASH of recent venture-

given the impression that

buying up businesses spun

off by large corporates is an

Launching a booklet on

the "keys to a successful

management buy-in", the

IoD director general, Tim

acquiring a company in this

process, involving lengthy

financial documents. It can

be enormously stressful for

the managers involved -

association with a venture

capital firm, ECI Ventures.

and their families." The

booklet, produced in

Melville-Ross, said that

way is "a complicated

negotiations and close

scrutiny of legal and

easy way to make money, but the Institute of

Directors is anxious to

stress that it is more

complex than it looks.

capital successes may have

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calm when they're doing a deal? You can tell this is the case, because if you accidentally put a decimal point in the wrong place, the program will merrily calculate away. What you actually need is something that will flash red lights and come up with comments like:

"When did you ever see weren't for me...'

What, for instance, are you

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anything with a yield of 73 per cent? I don't know, if it To be fair, that's a bit of an extreme example. After all. you'd hope arryone would

spot something was up when the answer didn't make sense. But there are plenty of other little points that make the whole kit less than a joy

and the search consultancy.

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on Age claims that ageism

is costing the UK economy

£26bn a year. Pointing out

that the number of inactive

and 64 is double the UK's

unemployment figures,, the

report, "A profits warning -

ageism" argues that the

public sector would have

resources of older workers

were not ignored. Helen

campaigns director, said:

"This prejudice is costing

us dear, both economically

greater funds if the

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and socially."

the macroeconomic costs of

people aged between 50

The Chief Executives'

identifies the critical

her about it. "Still. understanding the manual

isn't a bad first step, is it? Why don't you read me some of it?" So I did, something straightforward about dealing with inverted yield curves and so on. There was a pause, then my mother sighed. "Oh darling," she said sadly, "that's the revised version, is it?"

"No, I can quite see that,"

said my mother when I told

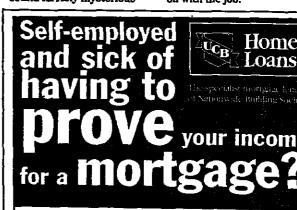
I hung up, feeling gloomy. So much for plain English. But Rory was not having a word of it. "Listen," he told us, "None of my relatives would understand any of this, either. The thing is they're not meant to. The whole idea of the jargon is to make it all sound terribly mysterious

and terribly impressive. For heaven's sake, if people really knew what we were doing here, they'd be keeping their money under the mattress, wouldn't they?'

We laughed, and then we stopped laughing because, naturally, he was right. Many's the time in the last place when we got credit clearance for dubious deals by spouting a lot of jargon. So what about the trading system manual, we asked? "Much clearer," said Rory.

"Really, massively clearer. Even a graduate trainee could understand it." He paused. "So do you think you could make it just a little less comprehensible...?" And so we picked up our

dictionaries of jargon and got on with the job.



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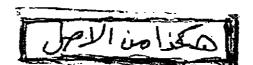
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Staff and bosses find them painful. but an appraisal can be tolerable. By **Kate Hilpern** 

lice Speight was horrified when she entered her boss's office for her latest annual performance appraisal. To be honest, I hate doing these damn things and I don't really know how they work. Do you?" said the manager to his legal secretary from Buckinghamshire.

Alice represents a third of the employees who recently responded to an Institute of Personnel and Development (IPD) survey by claiming their bosses treated appraisals as "a bureaucratic chore". Indeed, the same survey showed that 15 per cent of bosses would rather visit the dentist than carry out an appraisal.

"Appraisal systems have become so diverse during the last few years." Says Angela Edward, IPD's policy advisor. "The result is that a great many managers - as well as their staff don't really know how to make the most out of them. And for the appraisee, that can mean losing out on pay promotions and training."

At their simplest, performance appraisals enable employees to plan and control their work better, to learn from their mistakes and profit from their don't put every effort into achieving this, there's a great deal appraisees can do to help themselves," says Max A Eggert, management psychologist and author of The Managing Your Appraisal Pocketbook.

The first thing to do, for example, is to request a preliminary discussion about what is going to be assessed and what the results will be. What kind of questions will you be asked? Will you need to produce any paperwork? Will the appraisal identify training needs or is it a chance to bargain for an increase in pay?"

In fact, claims the Industrial Society, the Nineties have witnessed a clear trend away from connections between appraisals and pay. A recent study reveals that of the 77 per cent of British companies that have a formal appraisal system in place, almost half claim there is no link to money. Furthermore, steps have been taken in many organisations to ensure that appraisals have nothing to do with past performance. Instead, they only focus on the future of the staff mem-

ber in terms of development needs. "These are things the appraisee must know about in order to prepare."



successes. "But even if managers It seems that appraisal ratings have everything to do with how well you get on with your boss, not your job skills

says Debra Allcock, the Industrial So-

ciety's head of campaigning.

According to Ms Allcock, secretarial staff are at a particular advantage when it comes to getting the best from their appraisals. "Most appraisals occur annually, she says. But throughout the year, there should really be one-to-one's, mini-appraisals ensuring that no progress is missed. Since secretaries are usually in charge of their manager's diary, they can just book in a half-hour slot once a month or so."

Ms Allcock says that secretaries should keep a file on themselves, to keep track of their own progress. "Don't wait until the one-to-one interview to write down your achievements. If someone writes you a note to thank you for something, pop it in a file. If something went really well due to your expertise, write it down and add that too. This file will undoubtedly effect your future because even untrained managers will feel they have to record it.

"In fact, the more untrained they are, the more frightened they may be of messing up and consequently the

more likely they may be to record whatever you say or give them.'

June Short, a Hertfordshire-based PA, adds that the close relationship between secretaries and managers can be of enormous benefit. "In every appraisal I've had, I've always asked the boss what I could do to improve our relationship. Without fail, it leads them into asking me the same question back."

If there is one problem that Ms Short hasn't found so easy to overcome, it is subjectivity. Almost a third of the IPD's survey respondents agreed that appraisal ratings have everything to do with how much your boss likes you and nothing to do with how well you do the job. But Angela Edward claims there is a solution.

'Insist on objectivity. If there are complaints about your work or if you come fairly low on the appraisal scale system, ask why and demand examples. Was that report late because you

were incompetent, or did your manager omit to record the fact that you were given instructions to amend the whole thing at 10pm the night before it was due? Is it fair to say your time-keeping is bad, or are you given so many chores outside the office that you simply can't be in the office from

9-5? Discuss these details at length

and make sure they are recorded."

One way in which companies such as Sony and The Body Shop have attempted to conquer the problem of subjectivity is through the introduction of 360-degree appraisal - in which information about your performance is collated from as many sources as possible.

Your team members, your customers and your subordinates may all be asked to contribute. Sometimes called multi-sourced feedback, it has only been introduced at secretarial level during the past few months but it is quickly catching on.

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my prospects when Ben says, "Come on, I'll buy you a drink," and we go out into the dark Stockwell night. It's cold and smoggy, and I can't think of any light conversation to keep my landlord amused. All I can think of is the fact that I owe him £350 and that that's going to double in less than two weeks. The queue outside the chip shop goes half-way down the block, a grim line of tattie-fed nohopers looking forward to their weekly treat of saturated fat and

carbonated sugar drinks. Three old drunks quarrel on the bench by the bus stop over a bottle of VP sherry. And I'm thinking, "This is how I'll end up. Sharing a cardboard box and a bottle of Thunderbird".

Ben goes, "Cheer up, love, it could be worse," and I go "How, exactly?" and, as if on cue, the heavens open. The bar we were going to, all abstract art and tubular chairs, is still 300 yards away. Ben suddenly grabs my hand and pulis me through a door. We're in a pub we never go near,

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> because it looks so frightening. It's called The Cedars, but everyone refers to it as The Seedy. That Old Pub smell hits

us as I take in our surroundings: Axminster on the floor, worn "tapestry" on the settles, ancient pinball machine in one corner and dozens and dozens of faded towelling beer mats nailed to the walls. And around the bar, a crowd, all male, mostly silent, some offering advice, all oblivious to us.

The focus of attention is a woman behind the bar whose hand is wrapped in a glass cloth. She catches my eye. "Are you okay?" I say. She grimaces. "I was cutting a lemon and the knife slipped." she says. "Hah, lemon," says one of the blokes in the crowd belpfully, "Shut up, Mike," she says. "I've called John and an ambulance. You'll get your drink in 20 minutes." "What?" says Mike. "I've got an empty glass here." "Well, I can't do anything about it," she says, and a lightbulb goes off in my head. "I used to work in a bar," I say. "Would you like me to take over?" She looks astonished, then relieved. "Would you?" "Go on," says another voice.

Mike wants a pint of lager. The first pint comes out all froth. Then I remember the tipping trick, and it all starts flooding back. By the time John arrives, just after the ambulance, I'm running around with my big barmaid smile on, Ben propped on a stool with a free drink and a packet of pork scratchings, and everyone else saying "Give us our usual, love" as though I've been there all

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ganisations always have the best ap-

praisal systems. "The bigger the company, the more formal the system.

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Ms Allcock says the best advice to secretaries is to keep copies of ap-

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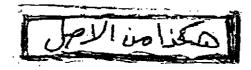
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Starring: Isabella Rossellini, Maximilian Schell

Krabbé's first stab as a director results in an

uncertain soap opera, focusing on the ebbs and

flows within a Hasidic family in 1970s Holland.

Fitful as drama, the film comes to life as a

showcase for its high-profile performers (Topol,

Schell, Rossellini, Krabbe) plus rising star

Laura Fraser. West End: ABC Ponton Street,

The follow-up to Neil Simon's Sixties flat-share

favourite dispatches its mismatched couple off

to a wedding and then strands them in the

desert. From this set-up come all manner of

comedy set pieces. The two stars work hard to

Xan Brooks

Curzon Mayfair, Screen on the Hill

Starring: Watter Matthau, Jack Lemmon

keep it upright. West End: Plaza

THE ODD COUPLE # (15)

Director: Howard Deutch

underpowered thriller. West End: Metro

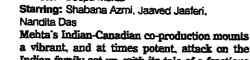
THE KNOWLEDGE OF HEALING (NC)

Trocadero, Warner Village West End









a vibrant, and at times potent, attack on the Indian family set-up, with its tale of a fractious New Delhi brood. Strong ensemble playing riffs nicely off Mehta's taboo-bucking script. West End: Curzon Soho

HENRY FOOL (18) Director: Hal Hartley

Starring: James Urbaniak, Parker Posey See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: Chelsea Cinema. Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Renoir, Richmond Filmhouse, Ritzy Cinema

breaks out of his totalitarian rut when he falls in

with Princess Bala (Sharon Stone). West End: ABC

Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen.

Clapham Picture House, Elephant & Castle

Coronet, Empire Leicester Square, Hammersmith

Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys,

Shekhar Kapur's follow-up to Bandit Queen is the

story of a female figurehead struggling to gain

purchase in a male world. But Kapur largely

neglects the opportunities for fun in a story of

independence triumphing over cruelty. West End:

ABC Baker Street, Barbican Screen, Notting Hill

Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Hay-

market, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch,

Odeon Mezzonine, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Phoenix

Cinema, Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Fulham Road

Drew Barrymore stars as a 16th-century daddy's

girl who is tormented by her beastly stepmother

(Anjelica Huston) after her father's death but finds

hope in the arms of a handsome prince. West End:

THE EXORCIST (25TH ANNIVERSARY

Friedkin's seminal horror is still efficiently

terrifying. West End: ABC Tottenham Court

Road, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden

Town. Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch,

Ritzy Cinema. UCI Whiteleys, Virgin

Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner

This film's defining characteristic is a resilient

morality. It's peopled by thugs, both amateur and

professional. Young Eddy, who comes unstuck in

a high-stakes card game, belongs in the former

category; but Hatchet Harry, to whom he owes

\$500,000, is an old-school pro. West End: Odeon Mez-

In Disney's innovative animated feature, a girl

disguises herself as a soldier to spare her ailing

father from the certain death of combat. This has

it all: pro-active heroine, strong father/daughter

relationship, honour, and, of course, cross-dressing.

West End: Elephant & Castle Coronet, Ham-

mersmithVirgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon

Marble Arch. Odeon Mezzanine, Odeon Swiss

Cottage, RioCinema, Ritzy Cinema, UCI White-

leys. Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadera, Warner

See The Independent Recommends, above right.

West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Gate

LOCK, STOCK & TWO SMOKING

Odeon Kensington, Warner Village West End

EVER AFTER (PG)

RERELEASE) (18)

Village West End

BARRELS (18)

Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero

GENERAL RELEASE

PRIMARY COLORS (15)

Virgin, Odeon Camden Toton, Odeon Kensington, amounts to a vaudeville impersonation of Clinton, and you can't take your eyes off him. The film does Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy brilliant things with narrative, symbolism and farce, but doesn't leave its audience to draw their own conclusions. West End: Plaza, UCI Wi Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero

> Captain John Miller (Tom Hanks) is dispatched to seek out a young private and return him home to safety. Few viewers will be warmed by catharsis -it is the harsh, devastating battle sequences that are branded on the memory. West End: Plaza

SMALL SOLDIERS (PG)

Inventive children's adventure about a batch of The director Joe Dante draws some nice parallels with his own best film Gremkins. West End-Hammersmith Virgin, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin

De Palma's conspiracy thriller plays its plotline as a kind of jigsaw, slotting together flashbacks, split screens and action replays to create the background to a political assassination. Nic Cage plays a swaggering local cop whose investigation brings him up against Gary Sinise's Navy commander. West End: Elephant & Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Leicester Square, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Mezzanine, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea

This Clement and La Frenzis-scripted comedy, about a bunch of 1970s rockers who reform their band, boasts charm in abundance and a clatter of rancous gags. West End: Worner Village West End

zanine. Ritzy Cinema. Warner Village West End THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY (15) Cameron Diaz and Matt Dillon star in this latest comedy from the writer-director team of Peter and Bobby Farrelly - basically a romantic comedy of the kind that drifts out of Hollywood on a regular basis. West End: Odeon Mezzanine, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Haymarket

THE TRUMAN SHOW (PG)

Peter Weir's comedy about a man (Jim Carrey) who discovers that his whole existence has been televised is very funny, due more to Andrew Niccol's script than its star's presence. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero

infinite possibilities of cinema. West End: Ritzy Cinema, Warner Village West End

### THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS



small-town angst, grows up with Henry Fool (left), a gleefully scatalogical fable about the friendship between a visionary stranger and a lowly garbage man. Losing his ironic cool, at last, Hartley creates his first full-blooded hero in the wonderfully rambunctious and flawed figure of Henry; played to perfection by Thomas Jay Ryan. On limited release

Peter Mullen gives the screen performance of the year as an alcoholic who coaches the worst football team in Glasgow in Ken Loach's blistering working-class melodrama, My Name is Joe. When Joe meets community health visitor Sarah (Louise Goodall), hope and romance bloom, but Joe's attempts to protect one of his young players from the mob's local debt collectors lead the couple into dark territory. An unflinching portrait of lives lived on the social and economic margins, shot through with humour and humanity. On general release

### **Theatre** Dominic Cavendish

THE ALMEIDA has utilised the greater space of its West End second bome to create a backdrop as elegant as Racine's verse, but there is much more to admire in Jonathan Kent's excellent modern-dress Britannicus - which only has a handful of performances still to run than Maria Björnson's sumptuous corridor of power. Diana Rigg lends a surprisingly comic touch to the calculating Agrippina, struggling to claw back authority from her son, the psychotically resentful Nero, played by Toby Stephens (right). Albery Theatre, London WC2 (0171-369 1740) 7.30pm

Tonight's your last chance to catch Sharks and Tarts, a much admired hour of Brecht and Weill songs performed by Sarah Davison as part of the One Woman monologue festival. Fans of *The* Threepenny Opera, say, or Mahagonny, will be well satisfied, as will anyone for whom the name Jonathan Cohen rings a bell; the PlayAway icon provides the music. BAC, London SW11 (0171-223 2223) 9pm

make a welcome return to the UK for a short tour previewing what promises to be an excellent new album, due for release early in the new year. Led by former Dinosaur Jr bassist, Lou Barlow, who shares his time these days with the Folk Implosion project, they're a smart live act juggling between two-minute pop songs and stimulating improvisation. Coal Exchange, Cardiff (01222 330220) 7.30pm

Although he's just in his thirties. Roddy Frame wrote his first hit - the supremely catchy "Oblivious" - back when he was just 16 and heading the Scottish band Aztec Camera. Retaining his charisma, and with a fanbase still intact, he's on a UK tour playing songs from his well-crafted album The North Star. Support comes from another Scot in the form of singer-songwriter Astrid, who used to be the vocalist with Goya Dress but is also embarking on a solo career. LA2, London W1 (0171-434 0403) 7.30pm

### Classical Duncan Hadfield

CRITICAL ACCLAIM has been forthcoming for the English National Opera's stirring new production of Mussorgsky's Boris Godunov, directed by Francesca Zambello, The ENO employs the composer's first 1869 seven-scene version, while appending the final Kromy Forest epilogue from the later 1872 reworking. It's a combination that gels well, especially in Zambello's updating of the action. John Tomlinson (right) is on blistering form in the title role and conductor Paul Daniel works wonders driving the ENO orchestra to superb heights in the pit. Coliseum, London WC2 (0171-632 8300) 7.30pm

The LSO are a fine bunch of musicians and it's just six and then eight of the string section which get to shine tonight when the LSO Chamber Ensemble tackle two classic works from the 19th-century repertoire -Brahms's Sextet and Mendelssohn's dynamic and precocious Octet. Violinist Gordan Nikolitch is in charge and the ensemble promises to be every bit as pristine as under Sir Colin Davis working with full orchestra. Barbican Hall, London EC2 (0171-638 8891) 7.30pm

### **CINEMA** WEST END

ABC BAKER STREET ABC BAREK STREET (0870-9020418) & Baker Street Elizabeth 2,20pm, 5,20pm, 8,10pm Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas 2,25pm, 5,25pm, 8,15pm

ABC PANTON STREET (0870-902 0404) © Piccadilly Circus The Last Days of Disco 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 5pm, 8.25pm Left Luggage 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm A Perfect Murder 2.40pm, 5.40pm, 8.20pm Rien Ne Va Plus 1.15pm, 3.25pm 6.05pm, 9.35pm, 9.35pm 3.35pm, 6.05pm, 8.35pm ABC PICCADILLY

(0171-287 4322 (from 1pm) O Piccadilly Circus The Big Lebowski 1.15pm, 5.50pm, 8.20pm I Want You 3.50pm The Prisoner 3.45pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm

ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE (0870-902 0402) ← Lelcester Square/Tottenham Court Road The Governess 2pm. 5.35pm. 8.20pm Hope Floats 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.05pm. 8.40pm

ABC SWISS CENTRE (0870-902 0403) O Leicester Spin 8.30pm Hana-Bi 2.20pm, 4.30pm, 6.40pm, 8.50pm Love is the Devil 1.20pm, 3.15pm, 5.10pm, 7.05pm, 9pm La Vie Revée des Anges 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 3.40pm

ABC TOTTENHAM COURT

(0870-902 0414) Stottenham Court Road Antz 1.25pm, 3.25pm, 5.25pm, 7.40pm, 9.45pm The Exercist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm My Name is Joe 1.15pm, 4pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm

BARBICAN SCREEN CHELSEA CINEMA

(0171-351 3742) & Sloane Square Henry Fool 2.10pm, Square Henry 5.20pm, 8.15pm

CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE
(0171-498 3323) ← Clapham
Common Antz 1pm, 3pm.
5.15pm, 7.15pm Character
9.15pm Fear and Loathing in Las
Vegas 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm,
9pm Henry Fooi 12.30pm,
3.15pm, 6pm, 8.45pm

CURZON MAYFAIR (0171-369 1720) O Green Park Left Luggage 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm

**CURZON SOHO** (0171-734 2255 (12pm-6pm) O Lekester Square Fire 1.15pm. 3.45pm. 9.30pm Henry Fool 12.30pm, 3.20pm. 6.10pm. 9pm a Vie Revée des Anges

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE CORONET (0171-703 4968) & Elephant & Castle Antz 4pm, 6pm, 8.45pm Blade 3.15pm, 5.45pm, 8.20pm Snake Eyes 4.15pm, 6.25pm, 8.25pm,

EMPIRE LEICESTER SQUARE (0990-888990) & Leicester Square Antz 12noon, 2pm, 4.10pm, 6.30pm, 8.40pm Feat and Loathing in Las Vegas 12.10pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm Silding Doors 1pm, 3.20pm

GATE NOTTING HILL (0171-727 4043) & Notting Hill Gate My Name is Joe 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.50pm (+ Short: The Man Who Held His

HAMMERSMITH VIRGIN (0870-907 0718) & Raven Parkway Antz 2.30pm, 4.40pm, 6.40pm, 8.50pm Blade Ipm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9pm The Borcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) 1pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9.10pm Snake Eyes .30pm, 3.30pm, 6.40pm, 9pm

ICA CINEMA (0171-930 3647) & Charing Cross Destiny 6.30pm, 9pm London Brief 5pm

(0171-734 1506) ← Piccadilly Circus/Leicester Square Buffalo 66-1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Insomila 2pm, 4,15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm

**CURZON MINEMA** (0171-369 1723) O Hyde Park Corner/Knightsbridge Fu Garnes 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm Funny NOTTING HILL CORONET

(0171-727 6705) • Notting Hill Gate Elizabeth 3pm, 6pm, 8.35pm ODEON CAMPEN TOWN

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6.55pm, 9.20pm Blade 12noon,
3pm. 5.45pm, 8.25pm Elizabeth
1.10pm. 6.30pm The Exorcist
(25th Anniversary Rerelease)
12.15pm, 3.05pm, 5.55pm,
8.35pm Snake Eyes 11.45am.
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The Truman Show 3.55pm,
8.55pm 8.55pm ODEON HAYMARKET

(08705-050007) ♦ Piccadilly Circus Elizabeth 2.15pm, 5pm.

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PEPSI IMAX CINEMA (0171-494 4153) & Piccadilly Circus Across the Sea of Time -A New York Adventure (3-D) 12.55pm, 3pm, 5.10pm, 7.15pm, 10.15pm L5 - City in Space 2.05pm, 6.20pm, 9.20pm 2.05pm, 6.20pm. Everest 4.10pm, 8.20pm

PHOENIX CINEMA (0181-444 6789) 👄 East Finchley Elizabeth 3.50pm, 6.25pm The

0990-8800-Circus The Oda 3.40pm. Piccadilly (0990-888990) → Piccaliny Circus The Odd Couple II 1.15pm. 3.40pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm Primary Colors 1.10pm. 4.30pm, 8.15pm Saving Private Ryan 3.15pm, 7.15pm The Truman Show 1pm. 3.30pm. 6pm, 8.40pm

(0171-837 8402) & Russell Square Henry Fool 2.10pm, 5.20pm, 8.15pm The Knowledge of Healing 1.05pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm. 9pm

RIO CINEMA (0171-254 6677) BR: Dalston Kingsland Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.45pm

RITZY CINEMÄ (0171-733 2229) BR/+ Brixton Antz 2.50pm, 4.50pm, 7pm Le Bossu 1.20pm Elizabeth 1.20pm, 3.50pm. 9pm The (25th Anniversary 1.40pm. 4.10pm. 6.40pm, 1.15pm

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(0171-935 2772) & Baker Street (0171-935 2772) & Baker Street Antz 3.20pm, 5.10pm, 7pm Buffalo 66 3.50pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm The Truman Show

SCREEN ON THE GREEN (0171-226 3520) & Angel My Name is Joe 3.30pm, 6.30pm.

SCREEN ON THE HILL 

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Vegas 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.50pm
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WARNER VILLAGE WEST END WARNER VILLAGE WEST END
(0171-437 4343) & Leicester
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West End 50th Birthday, phone
0171-420 0958) Blade 12.30pm,
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> <u>CINEMA</u> LONDON LOCALS

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BARKING

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CATFORD ABC (0181-698 3306) BR: Catford Antz 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm Blade 2,40pm, 5.30pm, CROYDON

CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: Croydon West/East The Land Girls 3.10pm Saving Private Ryan 7.45pm The Truman Show 5.30pm SAFARI (0181-688 3422) BR: West Croydon Antz 6.10pm, 8pm Blade 6pm, 8.30pm Fire 8.35pm Small

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-680 8090) BR: East Croydon Antz 12noon, 2pm. 4.10pm, 6.30pm, 8.40pm Blade 12.40pm, 3.20pm, 6.55pm, 9.40pm Elizabeth 4.30pm, 7.10pm The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) 12.55pm, 3.45pm, 6.20pm, 9.15pm Hope Floats 1.05pm, 3.35pm, 6.15pm, 8.50pm Mulan 12.25pm, 2.30pm, 4.45pm A Perfect Murder 9.50pm Small Soldiers 1.20pm, 3.50pm Snake Eyes 2.05pm, 4.20pm. 6.40pm, 9pm There's Something About Mary 6.50pm, 9.30pm The

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-592

2020) → Dagenham Heathway Antz 12,30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm.

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FINCHLEY VARNER VILLAGE (0181-446 9344) & East Finchley/Finchley Central Antz 12,50pm, 3pm, 5,10pm, 7,20pm, 10pm Blade 11,50am, 2.25pm, 5pm, 6.45pm, 9.30pm Dr Dollittle 12.25pm Elizabeth 3.50pm, 6.50pm The Exercist (25th Ano.30mm Ine Exercise (23th Ambuersary Rerelease) 6,35pm.
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HAMPSTEAD Park Antz 1.50pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm Elizabeth 2pm, 5.10pm Hope Floats 2.40pm, 5.40pm, 8.20pm Primary Colors 8pm

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Gilliam's adaptation tilts at Raiph Steadman cartoonery for its tale of a drug-fuelled journalistic assignment. Incident, caricature and lurid Seventies fashions are substituted for plot and character, and the film soon descends into narcotic lunacy. The one stand-out is Johnny Depp, who brings Hunter S Thompson to bald-headed, pigeon-toed life, West End: ABC Baker Street, Clapham Picture House, Empire

FIRE (15) Director: Deepa Mehta

This computer-animated trifle is surely the most unlikely Woody Allen movie we will ever see. The nerd icon provides the voice of worker-ant "Z", who

JUNIOR SPERETARY

Notting Hill, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on the Green, Virgin Haymarket A PERFECT MURDER (15)

VillageWest End

MY NAME IS JOE (15)

This decent remake of Hitchcock's classic Dial M for Murder stars Michael Douglas as the cuckoided city shark who blackmails an artist into killing his heiress wife, Gwyneth Paltrow West End: ABC Panton Street, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End

THE PLAYERS CLUB (18) The virginal writing-directing gig from LA rapper Ice Cube is a right muddle. On the face of it, The

Players Club affects to lift the lid on America's seedy black strip joints, and shakes its head disapprovingly at the sight. Trouble is that Mr Cube can't drag his camera away from all that sweet, honeyed flesh for long enough to make his point. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Trocadero

As Jack Stanton, John Travolta's performance

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN (15) In Steven Spielberg's Second World War drama,

toy soldiers brought to life by a military microchip. Chelsea Virgin Trocadero SNAKE EYES (15)

STILL CRAZY (15)

**VELVET GOLDMINE (18)** Brian Slade (Jonathan Rhys Myers) is a Bowieesque idol; his friend and mentor Curt Wild (Ewan McGregor) is a self-destructive US rocker. The story of how these characters is unravelled by a journalist (Christian Bale) who. 10 years after the hoax assassination of Slade, is dispatched to discover the truth behind glam. Director Todd Haynes has fashioned a masterpiece in which form and content function as inseparable harmony. It is a film brimming with intelligent ideas and a real sense of the







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KINGSTON . ABC OPTIONS (0870-9020409) BR: Kingston Antz 2.20pm, 4.35pm, 6.50pm, 9.05pm Elizabeth 6pm The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rere-lease) 2.30pm Hope Floats 2.50pm, 5.50pm, 8.35pm

MUSWELL HILL ODEON (08705 050007) & Highgate Antz 1.30pm, 3.20pm, 5.10pm, 7.10pm, 9.10pm Blade 2.30pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm Jackie Brown 2pm, 5.05pm, 8pm

PREMIER (0181-235 3006) BR: Peckham Rye Antz 11.50am, 3.50pm, 5.50pm, 7.50pm The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) 4.05pm, 6.35pm, 9.10pm Halloween: H20 9.45pm Hope Floats 3.55pm. 6.25pm. 9pm Mulan 11.45am, 3.35pm, 5.30pm A Perfect Murder 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.25pm Small Soldiers 12.05pm, 4.55pm, 7.10pm Snake Eyes 7.20pm, 9.40pm The Truman Show **PURLEY** 

ABC (0870-9020407) BR: Purley Antz 6.15pm, 8.40pm Fear And Loathing in Las Vegas 5.45pm, 8.15pm Hope Floats 5.40pm, PUTNEY

ABC (0870 9020401) BR: Putney/ → Putney Bridge Antz 2.15pm. 4.30pm. 6.45pm. 8.45pm Elizabeth 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm Hope Floats 2.15pm, 5.30pm, 8.30pm RICHMOND

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ABC (0870-9020419) BR: Romford Antz 2.05pm, 4.25pm, 6.40pm, 8.55pm Blade 2.20pm, 5.40pm, 8.20pm Hope Floats 2.10pm,

ODEON LIBERTY 2 (08705 050007) BR: Romford Antz 9pm Blade 12.15pm, 3.05pm, 6pm, 8.35pm Elizabeth 12.25pm, , 5.35pm, 8.15pm The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) 12.20pm, 3pm, 5.40pm, 8.35pm Hope Floats 12.45pm, 3.20pm. 6pm, 8.35pm Small Soldiers 12.30pm, 3pm, 5.50pr. Snake Eyes 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm There's Something About ary 8.20pm The Wedding Singer .45pm, 2.45pm, 4.45pm,

ABC (0541-555131) BR: Sidcup Antz 6pm. 8.45pm Hope Floats

VIRGIN (0870-9070717) BR: Cricklewood Antz 12.45pm, 3pm, 5.15pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm Blade 1pm. 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9.15pm Elizabeth 12.30pm, 3.15pm, 6pm, 8.45pm The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) 12.30pm. 3.15pm. 6pm. 8.45pm Mulan 5pm, 4.40pm Snake Eyes 7pm. 9.20pm The Truman Show 1.15pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9pm

STREATHAM ABC (0870-9020415) Streatham Hill Antz 2.15pm, 4.20pm, 6.25pm, 8.40pm Fear And Loathing In Las Vegas 2.25pm. 5.40pm, 8.25pm Hope Floats 2.30pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm

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CORONET(0181-888 25191 O Turnpike Lane Antz 4pm, 6pm. 8.45pm Blade 3.15pm, 5.45pm, B.20pm Snake Eyes 4.15pm. 6.25pm, 8.45pm

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Mary 5.45pm The Truman Show

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WELL HALL CORONET (0181-850 3351) BR: Eltham Antz 4pm, 6pm. 8.45pm The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) 3.15pm, 5.45pm, 8.15pm

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WOOD GREEN NEW CURZON (0181-347 6664) O Tumpike Lane Bade Miyan Chota Miyan Spm Kuch Kuch Hota Ha 8.30pm Prem Aggan 1.30pm

WOODEORD ABC (0181-989 3463) & South Woodford Antz 1.30pm, 3.55pm, 6.25pm, 8.50pm Elizabeth 2.40pm, 5.40pm, 8.10pm Hope Floats 2.30pm, 5.40pm, 8.15pm MOOTMICH

CORONET (0181-854 5043) BR Woolwich Arsenal Antz 4pm. 6pm. 8.45pm The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) 3.15pm, 5.45pm, 8.15pm

> <u>CINEMA</u> REPERTORY

LFF: BRITISH ACADEMY OF FILM AND TELEVISION ARTS Piccadilly WI (0171-928 3232) The Script Factory and BAFTA presen Screenwriting Panel Discussion Special Event (NC) 7pm

CINE LUMIERE Queensberry Place SW7 (0171-838 2144/2146) Notre Histoire (NC) 7.30pm THE LUX Hoxton Square N1 (0171-

684 0201) L'Eclisse (The Eclipse) (15) 8.45pm Architecture in the Image: Exploring Space: Shorts (NC) 7pm LFP: MUSEUM CINEMA National Film Theatre SE1 (0171-928 3232) The Enchanted Circle (Der Magis-che Gürtel) (NC) 6.30pm Louisiana Story (PG) 8.30pm

LFF: NFT South Bank, Belvedere Road SE1 (0171-928 3232) Hel-goland, Babylon (NC) 2pm

LFP: NFT 2 South Bank, Belveders Road SE1 (0171-928 3232) The Ice Rink (NC) 1.45pm, 6.15pm Day Af-ter Day (Yom Yom) (NC) 4pm Lon-don Calling (NC) 8.30pm

LFF: ODEON WEST END 1 Leicester Square WC2 (0171-928 3232)
A Rather English Marriage (NC)
1.30pm Two Girls and A Guy (NC)
4pm Central Station (NC) 9pm LFF: ODEON WEST END 2 Leices-

ter Square WC2 (0171-928 3232) Hideous Kinky (NC) 1.15pm Your Friends and Neighbors (NC) 6.15pm Weicome to Woop Woop (NC) 8.45pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 (0171-437 8181) The Disappearance of Finbar (15) 3.15pm RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road W6 (0171-420 0100) Le Jour Se Leve (PG) 6.45pm + Pépé le Moko 8.40pm

WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street, Brentford (0181-568 1176) The Daytrippers (15) 6 45pm Pri-

DUKE OF YORK'S (01273-602503) The Island on Bird Street (15) 1.30pm The Governess (15) 4pm 9pm Scurn (NC) 6.30pm0

BRISTOL CUBP (0114-907 4191) Soul Food (15) 9pm WATERSHED (0117-925 3845)

CAMBRIDGE ARTS CINEMA 01223-504444

Henry Fool (18) 1pm, 6.25pm, 9pm The American Friend (15) 4pm

CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) Breton Shorts (NC) 11am Animation Panel Disc. sion (NC) 2pm DM Davies Aw Nominees (NC) 2.15pm Soft Tol-let Seat (NC) 5.30pm Festen (NC) 8.30pm Trains and Roses (NC) 9 30mm Men in Scoring Pos

NEW PARK FILM CENTRE (01243 786650) A Perfect Murder (15) 1.30pm Primary Colors (15) 4pm

IFILM THEATRE (01473-215544) Buffalo 66 (15) 6pm. 8.15pm The Governess (15) 6.15pm

LEKESTÉR PHOENIX ARTS (0116-255 4854) Zero Effect (15) 8.45pm

CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) Le Bossu (15) 5,30pm Love is the

PHOENIX PICTURE HOUSE (01865-512526) Regeneration (15) 11am, 1.30pm Character (15) 1pm, 6.40pm Henry Fool (18) 3.45pm. 9pm Elizabeth (15) 4pm. 9.10pm Wedding in Galliee (NC)

> CINEMA COUNTRYWIDE

ABC (01225-461730); Antz (PG) LITTLE THEATRE (01225-466822) Elizabeth (15); The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) (18)

SALISBURY ODEON (08705-050007); Anta (PG); Blade (18); Cabbage Patch: Animation Festival (NC); Elizabeth sary Rerelease) (18); George Of the Jungle (U); Kundun (12); Mouse-Hunt (PG); Mulan (U); Snake Eyes

### THEATRE WEST END

Ticket availability details are for today, times and prices for the week; running times include intervals. - Seats at all prices ) - Seats at some prices O — Returns only Matinees — [1]: Sun, [3]: Tue, [4]: Wed, [5]: Thur. [6]: Fri. [7]: Sat

) ALARMS AND EXCURSIONS Michael Frayn's new comedy, about a dinner party which is Interrupted by mysterious messages, stars Pelicity Kendal and Josie Lawrence. Gleigud Shaftesbury Avenue, Wi (0171-494 5065) @ Plcc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £19.50-£27.50, 130 mins.

• AMADEUS David Suchet stars as Salieri in Peter Shaller's acclaimed drama. Old Vic The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 7616/cc 420 0000) BR/O Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4] 2.30pm. [7] 3pm. £7:50-£30.

◆ ANNIE Rags-to-riches story of the optimistic orphan, Victoria Palace Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317) BR/⊕ Victoria. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, [1] 4pm, £7.50-£32.50, 165 mins. • ART Larry Lamb, Jack Dee, Tim

Healy in Yasmina Rezz's comedy about art and friendship. Wyndham's Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736/cc 867 1111) & Leic Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7][1] 5pm, £9.50-£27.50. 90 mins. • BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Layish family musical based on Disney's

tale. Dominion Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) & Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £18.50-£35. 150 mins. • THE BEST OF TIMES Revuestyle show featuring the songs of Jerry Herman. Vaudeville Strand, WCZ (0171-836 9987) BR/& Charing X. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, [4][7] 3.30pm, £9.50-£27.50.

 BOOGIE NIGHTS Shane Richie stars in a new 1970s musical. Savoy Strand. WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 836 0479) & Charing X/Embankment, Mon-Thur 8pm, Fri-Sat 8.30pm, [6] 5.30pm, [7] 5pm, ends 9 Jan, £11-£28.50, 150 mins.

**BRITANNICUS** Diana Rigg and Toby Stephens are directed by Jonathan Kent in Racine's tragedy of maternal manipulation. Albery St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730/cc 0171-867 1111) & Leic Sq. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 12 Dec, £5-£29.50. 120 mins.

● BUDDY Musical biog-show tracing the brief life of Buddy Holly. Strand Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 Tue-Thur 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm, mats [1] 4pm, £10-£27. Fri mats half

CHICAGO Maria Friedman and Peter Davison star in this hit Broadway musical Adelphi Malden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) & Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £16-£36 (incl booking fee). 130 mins. • DEAD MONKEY Nick Darke's

black comedy stars David Soul. Whitehall Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735/cc 867 1111) OBR: Charing X. Tue-Sat 8.30pm, [6][7] 5.30pm, ends 19 Dec, £19-£25. 120 • DR DOLITTLE Phillip Schofield talks to the animals in this new

stage adaptation featuring Jim Hensets. London son Puppers, London Apollo Ham-mersmith Queen Caroline Street, Wib (0171-416 6022) → Hammersmith. tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 150 mins. FAME THE MUSICAL

High-octane stage show charting the highs and lows of a class of young showniz hopefuls. Prince of Wales Coventry Street. W1 (0171-839 5972) & Leic Sq/Plcc Circ. Mon-Thur 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 4pm & 8pm, ends 30 Jan, £15-£30. 120

FILUMENA Judi Dench and Michael Pennington star in Timber-lake Wertenbaker's new translation of Eduardo De Filippo's play. Pic-cadilly Denman Street, W1 (0171-

▶ GREASE Energetic stage version of the hit film. Cambridge Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080) ⊕ Covent Garden. Mon-Sat

7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£30, 150 AN IDEAL HUSBAND

York in Peter Hall's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy. Lyric Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) & Picc Circ, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8-£29.50. 165 mins. INTO THE WOODS Sondheim and Lapine's acclaimed musical based on fairy tales. Donmar Ware-

ouse Farlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) ◆ Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats [4][7] 2.30pm, £15-£27.50. O THE INVENTION OF LOVE TOTAL

Stoppard's play about the life of po-et AE Houseman, author of The Shropshire Lad. Theatre Royal Haymarket Haymarket. SW1 (0171-930 8800) ← Picc Circ. Tue-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 180 mins.

• KAFKA'S DICK Eric Sykes and Julia Mackenzie star in Alan Bennett's comedy about the moribund writer Piccadilly Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) ← Picc Circ. ionight 8pm, £12-£30. ENNIO MARCHETTO Celebrity

impersonator featuring spectacular paper costumes. Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) & Hammersmith, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 4.30pm, ends 21 Nov.

MISS SAIGON Musical which reets the Madem Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5060) Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7,45pm, [4][7] 3pm, £5.75-£35. O THE PHANTOM OF THE

OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical. Her Majesty's Hay-market, SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444) Plcc. Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£35, 150 DRENT Musical inspired by La Bone and set in modern day New York Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399) & Hol-

born/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 3pm. £12.50-£32.50. 160 mins. 28 Nov. £10-£21,50, concs available. Millbrook (01483-440000)

DARTFORD

ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE OLIVIER: Antony and Cleopa-tra Helen Mirren and Alan Rickman star as the sensually self-destructive lovers. Mon-Sat 7pm. [7] 1.30pm. ends 3 Dec. 220 mins.

• LYTTELTON: Betrayal Pinter's defining work stars Imagen Stubbs and Douglas Hodge In rep, tonight 7.30pm, continuing

**INCOTTESLOE: Haroum and the Sea** of Stories Tim Supple's stage adaptation of Salman Rushdie's acclaimed novel. Today 2.30pm & 7.30pm, ends 6 Jan. Olimer & Lyttelton: DS-E27. Cottesloe: E3-E12. Day sears from 10am. South Bank. SE1 (0171-452 3000). O Embankment. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

 THE BARBICAN: The School for Scandal Sheridan's biting 18th-century satire is directed and designed by Declan Donnellan and Nick Omerod. Mon-5at 7 15pm. mats [5][7] 1.45pm. ends 21 Nov. • THE PIT: Troilus and Cressida

Shakespeare's depiction of the human spirit undermined by bloody numan spirit undermined by bloody war fare. Today 2pm & 7.15pm. ends 21 Nov. Barbican Theatre: £5-£26. The Pit: £11-£18.50. Barbican Cen-tre. EC2 (0171-638 8891) SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit

1970s musical featuring legendary songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia. London Palladium Argyll Street. W1 (0171-494 5020) & Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. • STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-musi-

cal Apollo Victoria Wilton Road, SW1 (0171-416 6070) BR/- Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [3][7] 3pm, £12.50-£30. 150 mins. ) THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE Belinda Lang stars in Alan Ayekbourn's comedy. Duchess Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) O Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.45pm.

[5][7] 3pm, £15-£27.50. 140 mins. I THE WEIR Conor McPherson's drama is set in Ireland and examines ideas of ghosts and angels. Royal Court Downstairs (at the Duke Of York's 5t Martin's Lane. WC2 (0171-565 5000) → Leic Sq. Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 3.30pm. £5-£25. 90 mins.

• WEST SIDE STORY Brand new production of Bernstein's classic musical attempting to recreate the feel of the original Broadway hit. Prince Edward Old Compton Street. W1 (0171-447 5400) → Leic So/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5][7] 3pm, £15-£35. 160 mins

O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND

Lloyd Webber's new musical based

on the film of the same name. Aldwych. Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 836 2428) & Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5][7] 3pm. £10-THE WOMAN IN BLACK Susan

Hill's chilling ghost story: Fortune Russell Street, WC2 (0171-836 2238/cc 344 4444) & Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-Sat 8pm. [3] 3pm, [7] 4pm, E8.50-£23.50. 110

### THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

ALMEIDA THEATRE The Storm Frank McGuinness's new version of Ostrovsky's uplifting drama. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Sat 3pm, ends 19 Dec. £6.50-£19.50. Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) & Angel/Highbury & Islington.

ARTS THEATRE Ecstasy Mike

Leigh's moving comedy is present-ed by About Face. Tue-Sat 8pm, Sun concs £7.50-£10.50, Great Newport et, WCZ (0171-836 3334/cc 741 9999) O Leicester Square. HAMPSTEAD THEATRE Little Malcolm and His Struggle Against the Eunuchs Ewan MacGregor stars

as the revolutionary activist in David Halliwell's drama, Tonight 7pm, ends 2 Jan. £9-£16, concs £6. Avue Road, NW3 (0171-722 9301) Swiss Cottage. RICHMOND THEATRE lesse. My Boy Tom Coati stars in John Dowie's

mative Christmas show 18 & 19 lov, 8pm, 18 Nov. 2.30pm. 20 Nov. 7.30pm & 9.15pm, 21 Nov, 2.30pm, 7.30pm & 9.15pm. E7-E18. The Green, Richmond (0181-940 0088)

### THEATRE COUNTRYWIDE

BOURNEMOUTH PAVILION THEATRE Pirates of Penzance Paul Nicholas stars in this swash-buckling reworking of the Gilbert and Sullivan classic. 18-21 Nov, 7.30pm. mats 18 Nov, 2.30pm. E14-E20, concs available. over Road (01202-456456)

BRIGHTON KOMEDIA Adolf Pip Utton's chilling portrayal of Hitler trapped in his Berlin bunker and the end of World War Two. Tonight 8.30pm. £7.50, concs £6. Gardner Street (01273-

BRISTOL THEATRE ROYAL A Christmas Carol Andy Hay's adaptation of Dick-ens's Christmas classic. Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thur-Sat 8pm, mats Thur & Sat, 2.30pm, ends 5 Dec. £5-£19, concs £3-£16. King Street (0117-027 7073) 987 7877)

CARDIFE NEW THEATRE The Rocky Horror Show Jason Donovan stars in the Nov. 7.30pm. 20 & 21 Nov. 6pm & 8.45pm. £8-£22.50, concs ava Park Place (01222-878889)

CHICHESTER CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE Kat and the Kings Musical set in 1950s Cape Town. 18 & 19 Nov, 7.30pm, 20 & 21 Nov, 5.30pm & 8.30pm, £6.50-£21, concs ava Oaklands Park (01243-781312)

ORCHARD THEATRE Grease Luke

Goss stars in the stage version of the hit film. 18-21 Nov. phone for de-

tails. Home Gardens (01322-2200001 YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE HOW the Other Half Loves Alaz Ayekbourn's comedy about a suburban trio of couples linked by the work of the husbands. Mon-Thur 7.30pm. Fri-Sat 8pm, mats Thur & Sat 2.30pm, ends

### year, so grab any chance you can to see the boyo Manchester Evening News Arena (0161-930 8000) 20 Nov: Birmingham NEC (0121-643 6101) 27 Nov

TALK OF THE CITY, the new play by Steven Poliakoff,

is a study of media control and responsibility in the

early days of radio and television. Nicely timed to

coincide with the BBC celebrating 75 years of

broadcasting, the play centres on Robbie, a popular

entertainer, struggling to draw attention away from

the dancing troupes on his show and awaken public

interest in the atrocities occurring on mainland Europe.

Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut. London SEI (0171-638

TOM JONES (right) could almost adopt the name of

Lazarus, so successful has his career resurrection

been in modern times. However, performers such as

Robbie Williams have done us no disservice by

promoting Jones' showmanship. It's his onzing sex

appeal, evergreen voice and the fact that he doesn't

take himself too seriously which seduces audiences

so effectively. Live dates get rarer with each passing

HIGH WYCOMBE WYCOMBE SWAN The Woman in ; Black Frank Finlay stars in a chili-ing adaptation of Sasan Hill's high-ly acclaimed novel. 18-21 Nov. Sam. at 18 Nov. 2.30pm £6.50-£16. St Mary's Street (01494-512000)

TOWN HALL Playing Burton Re-incarnation of the legendary talent and vuice of Richard Burton. Icongist 8pm. £8, concs £5.50. Victoria Street (01494-512000)

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from the valleys.

Last Call

LEICESTER HAYMARKET THEATRE Richard III In-house production of this portrait of consumate evil. More-Sat 7.30pm (no perf 16 Nov.), mat today 2pm. ends 21 Nov. E5-£14-50, concs arat-able. Betgrave Gare (0116-253 9797)

MALVERN MALVERN FESTIVAL THEATRE The Memory of Water Alisan Steadman and Julie Sawalha star in this touching comedy about three sisters returning home for their mother's funeral. 18-21 Nov. 8pm. mat today 2.30pm. £12-£18. Grange Road (01684-892277)

MANSFIELD PALACE THEATRE Chicks with Flicks Jackie Clunes brings a bevy of disco divas to life. loday 8pm. £7. ming Street (01623-633133)

NORTHAMPTON ROYAL THEATRE Dead Funny The late great British comedians provide the focus for Terry Johnson's poignant comedy, Mon-Sat 7,30pm ends 28 Nov. £4-£!4.50. Guidhall Road (01604-632 533)

NORWICH THEATRE ROYAL The Crucibie Arthur Miller's tale of the Salem witch hunts, 18-2; Nov. 7.30pm, mat today 2.30pm, £3-£16. Theatre Street (01603-630000)

KEY THEATRE A Christmas Carol Charles Dickens's Christmas classic marks the Key Theatre's 25th birth-day. Ine-Thur 7.30pm, Fri-Sat, Spm & 8pm. ends 28 Nov. £9-£11.50. Embankment Road (01733-552439) PLYMOUTH

PETERBOROUGH

BARBICAN THEATRE Spoonface Steinberg Lee Hall's acclaimed play Steinberg Lee Hall's acclude about a terminally ill autistic girl who becomes captivated by opera. 18-21 Nov. 7.30pm. £6.50, concs £4.5 Castle Street (01752-267131) ncs £4.50. THEATRE ROYAL Measure for easure Stephen Boxer stars in hakespeare's examination of justice

18-21 Nov. 7.30pm, phone for prices. Royal Parade South (01752-267222) 7.45pm. E11.50. Kingland Road (01202-685222) THE MILL AT SONNING Dead ilty Thriller about a young won use-bound after a car accider 8.15pm, mars Sat 2.15pm, ends 28

Nov. £21.95-£32.95, incl meal. Sonning Eye (0118-969 8000) SALISBURY SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE Just Between Ourselves Alan Ayckbourn's comic look at family relationships. Mon-Wed, 7,30pm, Thur-Sat 8pm mats 19 Nov, 2.30pm, ends 28 Nov. £8-£15, concs available. Malthouse

Lane (01722-320333) SALBERG STUDIO, SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE Speed the Plow David Mamet's exhilarating story out two film executives who hav iust 24 hours to cast a new action movie. 18-21 Nov. 7.45pm. £8, concs £6. Malthouse Lane (01722-3203331

SOUTHAMPTON NUFFIELD THEATRE Love Off the Shelf Romantic musical play. Mon Thur 7.30pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, ends 28 Nov. £5.95-£12.50, concs able. University Road (01703-

STEVENAGE GORDON CRAIG THEATRE The Holly and the try Though-provok-ing study of life in a vicarage, 18-21 Nov. 7.45pm, mat 19 Nov. 2.30pm. £7, concs available. Lytton Way (01438-766866)

PALACE THEATRE The Glass drama about a faded Southern belie and her hopes for her chil-dren. Mon-Thur 7.45pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, mat today 2.30pm, ends 28 Nov. £4-£15.75. Clarendon Road (01923-225671)

PALACE THEATRE CENTRE Jus Between Ourselves Alan Ayckourn's comic look at family relationships, Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 21 lov. £5.50-£14.50, concs avail able. London Road (01702-342564)

WEYMOUTH COLLEGE THEATRE Beggar's Bellef New piece from Trestle Theatre. Tonight 7.30pm, £7, concs E6. Cranford Avenue (01305-THEATRE ROYAL Signalman Charles Dickens's nerve shredding thriller. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Thur

2.30pm, Sat 4.45pm, ends 5 Dec.

£5-£20. Thames Street (01753-853888)

### **EXHIBITIONS**

FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

HOLBURNE MUSEUM AND CRAFTS STUDY CENTRE Master Weaver: Peter Collingwood Major exhibition exploring Collingwood's innovative work. Mon-Sat 1 Jam-Spm. Sun 2.30pm-5.30pm, ends 11 Dec. £3.50. OAP £3, UB40/60+ £2, child £1.50, family £7 (to museum) Great Pulteney Street (01225-

BRISTOL ROYAL WEST OF ENGLAND ACAD-EMY 146th RWA Autumn Exhibition Landscapes, portraits, abstracts, sculptures, bronzes and more. Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 12 Dec. £2 50, concs £1.25. child free. Queen's Road (0117-973

CUMBRIDGE FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM RU Washington: Memorial Exhibition Beauceramics capturing the female form. Ends 20 Dec

From Policioro to Salvator Rosa Collection of drawings and prints forming the best of Italian Baroque. Ends 23 Dec. The Society of Three: Whistier, Fantin-Latour and Alphonse Legros Ex-hibition of drawing and prints examining the common stylistic ground of the three artists. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.15pm-5pm, ends 14 Feb, free. Trumpington Street (01223-332900)

LONDON HAYWARD GALLERY Addressing The Century: 100 Years of Art and Fashion Celebrating links between art and lashion with over 250 exhibits including work by Dali, Matisse and Gilbert & George, Mon, Thur-Sun 10am-6pm, Tue & Wed 10am-8pm, ends ! I Jan. £6, concs £3,50, family £12. Belvedere Road, SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterloo.

NATIONAL GALLERY A College Collection: Paintings from Christ Church, Oxford Old Master paintings and drawings including Van Dvck and Carracci. Ends 29 Nov.

Mirror Image: Jonathan Miller on Reflection Mirrors and reflections in art from Van Eyck to Helen Chadwick. Ends 13 Dec. £5.50. concs £3.50, incl audio guide. Luca Signorelli in British Collec-tions Drawings and paintings by the artist who influenced Raphael and Michelangelo. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun 12noon-6pm,

WC2 (0171-839 3321) + Charing ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Critical Mass: Antony Gormley Sixty casts of human bodies. Mon-Sun all day, ends 16 Dec, free. Picasso: Painter and Sculpton Clay Exploring the ceramic works of he 20th-century artist. Mon-Thur, Sat

& Sun 10am-6pm, Frt 10am-8.30pm, entis 16 Dec. £7, OAP/UB40 £6, NUS £5, child 12-18 £2.50, child &-11 £1. Life? or Theatre?: The Work of Charlotte Salomon Powerful paint-ings made between 1940 and 1942. Mon-Thur, Sat & Sun 10am-6om, Fri 10am-8.30pm, ends 17 Jan. £5.50, UB40/OAP £4,50, NUS £4, child 12-

18 £2.50, child 8-11 £1. Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1 (0171-300 8000/cc 413 1717) & Green Park. TATE GALLERY Turner Prize 1998 Work by Chris Offii, Cathy de Mon-chaux, Tacita Dean and Sam Taylor-Wood. Ends 10 Jan. £1.50. John Singer Sargent Comprehen-sive exhibition devoted to the paint-

sive exhibition devotes to the paint-ings of the 19th-century artist. Ends 17 Jan. £6. concs £4. In Celebration: The Art of the Country House Paintings and sculp-ture, including work by Canaletto, Stubbs and Holbein. Mon-Sun 10am-5 \$0em. arch; 28 Est. free Milibank. 5.50nm, ends 28 Feb. free, Milibank SW1 (0171-887 8000) → Pimilco.

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM Aubrey Beardsley The illustrator's life and work explored in 200 draw-ings and prints. Ends 10 Jan. Grinting Gibbons And The Art of Carving Celebrating the work of the 17th-century woodcarver, Ends 24 Jan. Picasso's Ladles: Wendy Ramshaw Precious-metal jewellery: Mon 12noon-5.45pm, Tue-Sun 10am-5.45pm, ends 15 Feb. £5, concs £3, under 18/UB40/disabled/mems/ 4.30pm-5.45pm, free (to museum), Cromwell Road, SW7 (0171-938 8441) C South Kensington

NORWICH CASTLE MUSEUM Modern British and European Painting C1880-1940 Including work by ings and Gwen John. Ends 6 Dec. A Talent to Amuse: Henry William Bunbury Suffolk born caricaturist's drawings of 18th-century society. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 10 Jan. £2.40, concs £1.60. child £1.10. family £5.90. Castle Meadow (01603-223624)

ST IVES TATE GALLERY English Roots: Eric Cameron Thousands of layers of paint surrounding organic Displays 1998-9: Partnerships and Practice Paintings and cerumics from the second half of the century.

Quolt Montserrat: Veronica Ryan

Marble sculpture linking St Ives with Montserrat in the West Indies.

Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 11 Apr. £3.50, concs £2. Porthsneor Beach (01736-796226)

### CLASSICAL

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL The Royal Concert From the BBC National Orchestra of Wales conducted by Mark Wigglesworth, Tonight 7.30pm. £10-£32 South Bank, SEI (0171-960 4242) BR: Waterloo.

STATIONERS' HALL A Conversation with Angels Evoking the world and music of Abbess Hildegard von Bin-gen. Yonght 7pm. £20. Are Maru Lane, EC4 (01327-361380)

SEVENOAKS
STAG THEATRE The Marriage of Figaro Kentish Opera staging of Mozart's great opera, conducted by Stephen Harris, Tonight 7 30pm. £12.50-£17.50. London Road (01732-450175)

### **OPERA**

LONDON COLISEUM Madam Butterfly ENO's popular staging of Puccini originally directed by Gra-ham Vick, Tonight 7.30pm E5-E55 St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300) O Leicester Square.

### DANCE

BRIGHTON THEATRE ROYAL Rambert Dance Company: Triple Bill Works by Mer-ce Cunningham. Christopher Bruce and Siobhan Davies, Toright 7, 45pm. £9.50-£16.50. Bond Street (01273-328488)

ROUNDHOUSE Scomp Eight per-formers create a witty rhythmic symphony. Tue-Sat 8pm, mats Sat & Sun 4pm, ends 27 Dec. E10-E25. Challe Farm Road, NW1 (0171-420 0000) & Chalk Farm.

SADLER'S WELLS La Cuadra de Sevilla: Carmen Re-telling of the Car-Tonight 8pm. £7,50-£35. Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-863 8000)

### LITERATURE

JOHN HEGLEY Innovative comic coet Northcott Theatre Stocker Road (01392-493493) Tanight 8pm. £9.50, concs £7.50.

SHORELINES '98 - FEAST OF WORDS FOR READERS & WRIT-ERS Festival including visiting writers Roger McGough, Edward Heath, Roy Hattersley, plus book signings, workshops and discussion forums. Shorelines 98 - Feast Of Words Var-

22 Nov. phone for details. INTERNATIONAL LITERARY FES-TIVAL: DORIS LESSING The acoed author reads from her work. The Good Terrorist, The Fifth Chi Under My Skin and Walking in the Shade. The Arthur Miller Centre UEA (01603-592277) Tonight 7pm,

### **COMEDY**

LONDON LEE EVANS - LIVE FROM THE APOLLO AT APOLLO THEATRE Talented corriedian and Hollywood film star. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 6pm & 9pm, ends 21 Nov. £8.50-£21.50. Shaftesbury Avenue. W1 (0171-494 5580)

O Piccadilly Circus. STEVE COOGAN - THE MAN WHO THINKS HE'S IT AT LYCEUM THE-ATRE Alan Partridge, Paul Calf and other comic creations. Tonight 7.45pm, £14.50-£25 plus booking fee. Wellington Street, WC2 (0171-656 1802) & Charing Cross.

JACKIE MASON - MUCH ADO ABOUT EVERYTHING AT PLAY-HOUSE THEATRE The celebrated New Yorker with a pre-Broadway run of his new show, Mon-Sat 8pm, Sun 5.30pm. ends 29 Nov. £12-£25. Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4409) O Embankment.

### **CLUBS**

LONDON ORGANISED SOUND AT THE CLIN-IC Hip hop and dub from the awesome DJ Vadim and his Jozz Fudge lable, Tonight 10pm-4am, Gerrard & Leicester Square, £7, £5 w/flyer.

SWERVE AT THE VELVET ROOM

Addiction, Grooverider and Fabio drop jungle and drum'n bass. Tonight 9pm-2.30am, Charing Cross Road, WCZ (0171-439 4655/cc 734 4687) ctenham Court Road, £5. PEYMOUTH

TELLY JAZZ AT THE CUAY CLUB Funky jazz and Brazilian plotters with Espen Horne, Tonight 10pm-2am, £4, mems £3. The Barbican (01752-6721271

### **EVENTS**

LONDON WORLD OF JEWISH MUSIC FES-TIVAL Opera, concerts, rectals, dance, film, theatre, workshops, exhibitions and discussions. Barbican Centre 5th Street FC2 (0) 21-630 4141) © Barbican Mesogate Emis 29 Nov. phone for delain-

MOSCOW STATE CIRCUS World Limous circus with a brand new per forming company in a last moving two hour show. Clapham Common Rookery Road SW4 (042). S65552.8 9) O Chiptum Common. Tue-Fri Spm & Opm, Sit Sun 2pm & Spm, ends 29 Nov pickes kiry 42ND LONDON FILM FESTIVAL A wide range of caterna events and screenings National Film Theatre South Bank SE1 (0171-928 3737 (C

0171-928 3232) BR @ Witerland Ends 19 Nov. phone for details WINTER OLYMPIA FINE ART AND ANTIQUES FAIR Over 230 interna-tional exhibitors, showing antique-furniture and works of art. Olympia Grand Hall Hammersmith Read W14 (0171-370 8186) & Earls Court. Ham-Spm (until 21 Nov. Ham-7pm, 22 Nov. Ham-Spmi, ES

### MUSIC

SOUEEZE Bittersweet South London pop from Difford, Tilbrook, and Cu Colston Hall Colston Street (0117-922 3686) Tonight 8pm, £14

JOOLS HOLLAND & HIS RHYTHM & BLUES ORCHESTRA TV-presenter booge pianist and tonight's guest vocalist, Sam Brown, St. David's Hall The Hayes (01222-878444) Tonight 8pm, phone for prices.

CROYDON DEL AMITRI Scottish pop craftsmen tour the Greatest Hits album, Hotful Of Rain, Fairfield Concert Halls Park

soap-pop star on her Left Of The Mid-dle album tour. The Forum Highgare Road NW5 (0171-344 0044) BR/G Kentish Town. Tonight and 19 Nov. CLIFF RICHARD Sir Cliff's self-out

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40th anniversary season. Royal Al-bert Hall Kensington Gore SW7 (0171-589 8212) & High Street Kensington, Ends 13 Dec. 6.45pm. phone for availability. ROLAN BOLAN & THE BROTHERS BOUNCE, TERRY SHORTER, SCREEM! Marc Bolan's son jets in from the US with his seven misse alt. rock outfit. Shepherd's Bush Empire Shepherd's Bush Green W12 (0171-771 2000) ← Shepherd's Bush.

Tonight 8pm, £10. READING LEVELLERS Post-punk folk-rock col-lective on their One Way Of Life tour. The Hexagon Queens Walk (0118-960 6060) Tonight 8pm, £12.

REEF, SYMPOSIUM, NOJAHODA Post grungers par excellence. The Guildhali NorthGuild, Commercial Road (01703-632601) Tonight 8pm.

### MUSIC JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

JOHN MAYER Leading Indo-jozz fusioneer. Bach University Hall Cover-ton Down (01225-826612) Tonight 7.30pm, £8. concs available.

RICKEY WOODARD Accisined NY

or saxist: Concorde Club Stone-

ham Lane (01703-613989) Tonight 8.30pm, £8.50, concs £6.50. MISTRAL Classical Indian tradition meets jazz, with Tarun Bhattacharya and Sirish Kumar, British Museum Great Russell Street WC1 (0171-636 1555) & Russell Square Tottenham Court Road/Holborn, Tonight

7.30pm, £6, cones £4.50.

HARLEM GOSPEL SINGERS SED tified soul and gospel choir. Peacock Theatre Portugal Street WC2 (0171-853 8222) ➡ Holborn. Tonight 8pm, £7.50-£27.50, BEN SIDRAN QUARTET Intense NY

pianist plays postbop. Pizza Ex-press Jazz Club Dean Street W1 (0171-439 8722) & Tattenham Court Road Tordght 9pm, £12.50. Fri-Sac £15. MAYNARD FERGUSON'S BIG BOP NOUVEAU Brash big band trumpeter and his seven piece supergroup. Ronnie Scott's Frith Street W1 (0171-439 0747) & Leicester Square Tonight 9.30pm, £12, mems £4, NUS £8 (Mon-Thu); £15, mems

DR JOHN The original psychedelic blues-funk Gris-Gris man. University of East Anglia Earlham Road (01603-505401) Tonight 7pm.

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RADIO 1 (97.5-99.8MHz FM ) 95.30 Zoe Ball. 9.00 Simon Mayo. 12.00 Kevin Greening. 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00 Chris Moyles. 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce. 8.00 The Evening Session. 10.00 Movie Update with Mark Kermode. 10.10 John Peel. 12.00 Gilles Peterson. 2.00 Clive

Warren. 4.00 · 6.30 Scott Milis. RADIO 2 (88-90.2MHz FM ) 6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan. 9.30 Richard Alfinson, 12.00 John Inverdale. 2.00 Ed Stewart. 5.05 Johnnie Walker. 7.00 Nick Barraclough. 8.00 Mike Harding, 9.00 All Singing, All Dancing, All Night, 10.00 Radio 2 Classic Albums. 10.30 Nicky Home. 12.00 Katrina

Leskarich 3.00 - 4.00 Alex Lester. RADIO 3 (90.2-92.4MHz FM ) **6.00** On Air. 9.00 Masterworks. 10.30 Artist of the Week. 11.00 Sound Stories. 12.00 Composer of the Week:

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1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Con-

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. 4.00 Choral Evensong. 5.00 in Tune.

7.30 Performance on 3. Live from the Royal Festival Hall, in the presence of Prince Edward Joan Rodgers (soprano), BBC National Orchestra of Wales/Mark Wigglesworth. Tippett: The Rose Lake. Strauss: Four Last Songs. See Pick of the Day. 8.30 Book of the Month. An ex-

tended review of one of the month's most interesting new publications. This month's book is Jay Parini's biography of American poet Robert Frost. 8.50 Concert, part 2. Brahms:

Symphony No 4 in E minor. 9.35 Postscript. Five programmes celebrating 50 years of photojournalism from the world's most famous photo agency. 3: 'My Face is Your Fortune'. Magnum photographers consider their achievements in creating portraits of the century's celebrities. 10.00 Ensemble, Dvorak wrote his Violin Sonatina for his children

6.00 Apocalypse Watch (1995) (578321).

8.30 A Change of Heart (1997) (28128).

Watch (1995) (28374), 2.30 Abraham (1993) (70296), 4.00 A Change of Heart (1997) (3876), 6.00 A Kid In King

Arthur's Court (1995) (16586). **7.30** Barry Norman's Film **Night** (8437). **8.00** Gar-

gantua (1998) (25012), 10.00 The Long Kiss Goodnlaht (1996) (22437), 12.00

Mistrial (1996) (715451). 1.35 The Aveng-

ing Angel (1995) (293203). **3.15 - 6.00** 

Crime of the Century (1996) (25639451).

6.00 Jane Eyre (1995) (92073). 8.00

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Minus Zero (1996) (24302). 1.00 Amorel (1993) (34321). 3.00 Suddenly (1996)

(41418). 5.00 Take Your Best Shot (1982)

(89708), **7.00** Jane Evre (1995) (49741).

See Pick of the Day, 9.00 Space Truck-

(25854857). **1.10** Adrenain: Fear the

Rush (1995) (4764971). 2.30 Daddy's

(842451). **4.05 - 6.00** Phoenix II (1996)

6.00 The Great Dictator (1940) (8362708).

4523513). **3.20** Seven Days' Leave (1942)

8.00 The Magnificant Ambersons (1942)

42376541, 12.00 From Noon till Three

(23655161). 4.50 Terror by Night (1946)

8.00 A Personal Journey with Martin

(6291857), 10.30 Pump Up the Volume (1990) (30271944), 12.10 SFW (1995)

Heart (5233180). 3.30 - 6.00 Angel

4.00 Rex Hunt's Fishing World (9550741).

4.30 Wheel Nuts (9556925). 5.00 First

Flights (3016012). 5.30 Ancient Warriors

(9570505), **6.00** Animal Doctor (9577418). **8.30** Wild Discovery: Ultimate Guide

(9589586). **7.30** Beyond 2000 (9557654).

Secret of the Templars (9800166). 10.00

8.00 How Did They Build That?

5944093). **2.10** Lou Reed: Rock 'n' Roll

Scorsese Through American Movies (190302). 7.30 Barry Lyndon (1975)

(8048093). **5.50** Close.

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DISCOVERY CHANNEL

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4.00 Bachelor Knight (1947) (1591741).

ers (1997) (26741). 11.00 Die Hard (1988)

10.30 A Kid in King Arthur's Court (1995) (14586). 12.00 Apocalypse

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WILDLIFE ENTHUSIASTS can captivity: is cloning and IVF the quiz show Wildbrain (1.30pm of extinction. Guy Linley-Adams looks at some modern answers endangered in the wild but Brahms's 4th Symphony.

on 3 (7.30pm R3), is the annual "The Rose Lake", Strauss's "Four Last Songs" - advertised ROBERT HANKS



3.45 Revengel. 4.00 NEWS; Case Notes. 4.30 Thinking Allowed.

6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.30 Rainer Hersch's All Classical Music Explained. 7.00 NEWS; The Archers.

7.15 Front Row, Mark Lawson Marie Di Mambro and Robert Pashould she declare him dead? A Jones, Emma Currie and Liam Brennan, Director Patrick Rayner. Guildhall in front of an invited audience, Michael Buerk chairs a de-David Starkey and David Cook.

**RADIO 4 LW** (198kHz 1 9.00 NEWS; Costing the Earth. From the panda to the elephant, we seem to love big and cuddly animals, yet we have brought **RADIO 5 LIVE** many species to the edge of ex-(693. 909kHz MW ) tinction. IVF and cloning are being 6.00 Breakfast. seen as a possible way to widen 9.00 Nicky Campbell the gene pool, but will the science

that is transforming our lives really come to the rescue? See Pick of 9.30 Midweek. Libby Purves and

guests engage in lively conversa-

10.00 The World Tonight, With Robin Lustig. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Le Grand Meaulnes. Philip Franks reads Alain-Fournier's classic story of adolescent idealism, love and the search for the lost do-

main. Abridged by Doreen Estall (8/10). 11.00 Five Squeezy Pieces. Offbeat comedy sketches and poems written and performed by Claire Calman, Julia Davis, Maria McErlane, Meera Syal and Arabella Weir. Additional material by Sarah Parkinson. 11.30 Radio Shuttleworth.

12.00 News. 12.30 Late Book: A Man in Full. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast.

5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 • 6.00 Farming Today.

 12.04 News; Shipping Forecast.
 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast. 11.30 - 12.00 Today in Parliament.

1.00 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Extra.

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7.30 John Inverdale's Football Night. Coverage of the night's top football action. Plus the National Lottery Draw.

10.00 Littlejohn. Football phonein with Richard Littlejohn: 0500 909693 11.00 Late Night Live. With Nick

Robinson. Including a late news briefing at 11.00, and at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight and a topi cal late-night discussion. 1.00 Up All Night. 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports.

**CLASSIC FM** 

(100.0-101.9MHz FM ) 6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert: Strauss: Overture 'Die Fiedermaus'. Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra/Nikolaus Harnoncourt. Sibelius: Finlandia, Berlin PO/Herbert von Karaian, Bruch: Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor. Itzhak Periman, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra/Bernard Haitink. Beethoven: Symphony No 7 in A. Philharmonia/Christian Thielmann. Tchaikovsky: Capriccio italien. Oslo PO/Mariss Jansons. 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 6.00 Mark Griffiths.

VIRGIN RADIO (1215, T197-1260kHz MW 1058MHz FM) 6.30 Chris Evans. 9.30 Russ Williams. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Bobby Hain FM only Harriet Scott from 6.45. 7.30 Harriet Scott. 10.00 Janey Lee Grace. 1.00 James Merritt. 4.30 Jeremy Clark. **WORLD SERVICE RADIO** 

(198kHz LW ) 1.00 Newsdesk. 1.30 Omnibus. 2.00 Newsday. 2.30 Meridian (Books). 3.00 World News. 3.05 World Business Report. 3.15 Sports Roundup. 3.30 Brain of Britain. 4.00 - 7.00 World Today.

TALK RADIO 7.00 Bill Overton and Kirsty Young. 9.00 Scott Chisholm. 11.00 Lorraine Kelly. 1.00 Anna Raeburn. 3.00 Tommy Boyd. 5.00 Peter Deeley. 7.00 Nick Abbot. 9.00 James Whale. 1.00 lan Collins. 5.00 - 7.00 Early Show.

(3471302), **10.30** Angels (6895876), **11.00** Dallas (5465876), **11.55** Neighbours

1.00 Juliet Bravo (2580470), 2.00 Dallas (1122645), 2.55 Bil (1508895), 3.25 The

Bill (6085012), 3.55 Bergerac (6982876), 4.55 EastEnders (4383586), 5.30 An-

25). 12.25 EastEnders (2758418

### INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

### CHESS JON SPEELMAN

YESTERDAY I described the bedlam surrounding the play-offs in the Andorra zonal tournament, Today, the game which got me into them. Black against Jeroen Piket, I

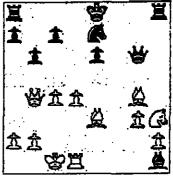
had to win - as did he - and decided to adopt my favourite English Defence as in Jim Plaskett's splendid win on Saturday. It's a wonderful opening, putting pressure on White from the very first moves and still relatively unexplored. But there are several lines which are rather dicey if White knows what he's do-

In the recent Olympiad, the Israeli Boris Avruk had horribly crushed me with 4.Bd3 - but at least I had some new ideas ready for that. Instead Piket played a line which the Indian international master Krishnan Sashikiran had used against me at the British Championship in August. Then I had replied with 5...Qh4+ 6.g3 Qh5 7.Nh3 e5!? and got quite a good game. But fearing an improvement I wanted to vary: There is a known if very dubious

gambit with 5...f5 6.exf5 Nh6 7.fxe6 (not 7.Bxh6 Qh4+!) Nf5. At the board I invented a new one which I fear is quite unrepeatable.

After 9.Bh3, I realised I was in trouble since if 9...dxe6 10.Nge2 Qxf3 11.Rf1 Qh5 12.Nf4 Qxd1+ 13.Kxd1 is vile. Hence after 25 minutes the inspired but absurd 9...h5 so to meet 10.Nge2 with 10...h4'.. But after the 5.63 f5 simple 10.Bf4 I could find nothing better than to recapture on e6.

One possibility was 13.bxc3; at least after the natural recapture I 9.Bb3! h5 got some play. After "winning" the exchange I was clearly lost - a 11.Qd2 Nbc6 computer would have murdered me - but had managed to randomise. Now 18.h4 was much simpler than 18.Nh3 and if Rg8 19.Bh5+. 15.fxg4 hxg4



If 20.Qd2 I would have tried Rd8 and if 21.d5 perhaps Bxd5. In fact if 22.Qd7+ K(8 a) 23.Bxe7+ Rxe7 24.Rf1+ Rf7 25.Qd6+ Kg7 26.Qd4+ e5 27.Qxe5+ Rf6 28.Qe7+ Rf7 29.Qe5+ is a draw and b) 23.Rf1+ Nf5 24.Qd6+ Kf7 25.h4 very dangerous. But White was still doing fine until he blundered with 23.Rd1?, rather than 23.Qd1!: missing that if 25.Bxe7+ Rxe7 27.Rf1+ Kg8 28.Qxe7 Qxc4+ wins the rook. A bloody battle!

> White: Jeroen Piket Black: Jon Speelman Andorra Zonal **English Defence**

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.e4 Bb7 4.Nc3 Bb4 6.exf5 Qh4+? 7.g3 Qf6 8.fxe6 Ne7 10.Bf4 dxe6 12.0-0-0 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 g5 14.Be3 g4

16.Bxg4 Nb4! 17.Qxb4 Bxh1 18.Nh3 Qg6! (see diagram) 19.Bg5 c5! 20.dxc5 Rxh3 21.Qd2 Rh7 22.Rxh1 Qe4 23.Rd1? Qxg4 24.Qd7+ Kf8 25.Bf4 Rxh2 26.c6 Qe2 27.Bd2 Qxc4+ 28.Kb1 Qe4+ White resigns

### BRIDGE ALAN HIRON

"I WON!" exclaimed West to his partner after this deal. "You did two bad things; I did only one!" I wish that I could be so cheerful after a disaster...

South opened Four Hearts and West overcalled with Four Spades. North went on to Five Hearts. which was a good decision, and East doubled, which was not. West led ♠K against Five Hearts doubled, and, after winning in dummy, declarer led ♥7 and ran it when East mistakenly played low. East solit his honours on the next trump lead and still seemed to have a sure winner in the suit. South, hownty at reduci his trump length to the same as

East's and exited with a spade. West won and could see dangers ahead - if, for example, he led a diamond, there was the possibility of declarer giving up a trump trick and eventually squeezing West in spades and clubs. So he decided to lead another spade, killing the menace in dummy, but helping South to shorten his trumps, Note that East could not afford to part with a club at this point for this would allow declarer to make three tricks in the suit.

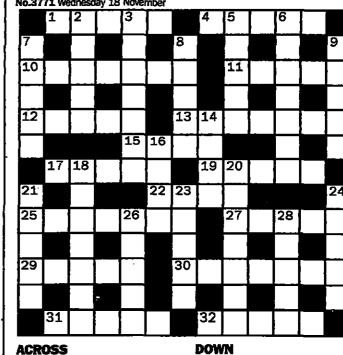
The spade lead, however, was all

Love all; dealer South North **♠**A65 **♥72** VA864 **4**A 1063 East **♦**KQJ9873 **♦**4 **♥**0J43 ♥none **QO5** ♦KJ9732 **♣**Q974 **♣**J2 South **VAK109865** ♦ 10

that South needed. Using OA and A as entries, he ruffed two diamonds in hand, cashed \$\display K. and exited with his last club. For his two cards he held ♥A10 sitting over East's ♥Q4. Yes. West had missed a difficult

chance as well. When in on the second round of spades he could have switched to \$9! Then, if East is put in with a trump, a diamond return would have broken up any possible

### CONCISE CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

Points etc made in game (5) Hymn of praise (5)

10 Revolver, e.g. (7) 11 Scare (5)

12 Uniform colour (5) 13 Of no practical value (7) 15 Textile works (4) 17 Purchaser (5)

19 Milk producer? (5) 22 Military force (4) 25 Ruler's wife (7) Post attached to handrail (5)

Surpass (5) 30 Order (7) 31 Romany (5)

32 Group of cight (5)

Energetic (7) 21 Door attendant (5) Cattle farm (5) 24 Forest cleaning (5) 26 Book of maps (5) 28 Produce cloth on loom (5)

Line dance? (5)

Conscious (5)

Cancel out (5)

Untoward (5)

16 Asian country (4)

Unfortunate (7)

Form of jazz (7)

World of scholars (7)

Thick milk drink (5)

Squalid accommodation (4)

Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword: ACROSS: 5 Kaput, 3 Holistic (Capitalistic), 9 Strap, 10 Sea-miles, 11 Clean, 14 Aye, 16 Atomic, 17 Kipper, 18 Erc., 20 Trill, 24 Far-flung, 25 Pizza, 26 Pleasant, 27 Lying, DOWN: 1 Ghost, 2 Alias, 3 Aspic, 4 Misery, 6 Antelope, 7 Unawares, 12 Eternity, 13 Emblazon, 14 Acc, 15 Ekc, 19 Really, 21 Offal, 22 Sugar, 23 Agate.

### WEDNESDAY RADIO

### PICK OF THE DAY

seemingly unable to breed in

to play, Beethoven composed a

piano trio movement to encourage

a little girl's musical studies, and Janacek's 'Mladi' is a nostalgic re-

tlection of youth. Penny Gore in-

childhood, including a perfor-

mance of the Dvorak work by Philippe Graffin (violin) and

10-45 Night Waves. Of all the

great Italian painters, Caravaggio seems to speak most immediately

to the modern world. The most in-

tensely religious painter of his day,

his works also reveal a strong, dis-turbing personality. Poussin was

world to destroy painting, and he

continues to exert a powerful fas-

cination on our own century. Lau-ra Cumming reassesses his life

and work in the light of two new

studies. And art and subversion

meet again as Ewan McGregor

plays the disruptive student sus-

pended from art school in a new

production of David Halliwell's Lit-

tle Malcolm and the Battle against

12.00 Composer of the Week:

Debussy. (R) 1.00 - 6.06 Through the Night.

9.45 Serial: Alistair Cooke - a

10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour.

11.00 NEWS; Live Luggage.

the Eunuchs'.

RADIO 4

Celebration,

11.30 Jazz Notes.

(92.4-94.6MHz FM )

11.30 Funny Bones.

6.00 Today. 9.00 NEWS; Midweek.

to think he had come into the

Stephen Coombs (piano).

troduces a programme inspired by

rejoice at the return of both the answer? Tonight's Performance R4) and Costing the Earth Royal Concert in aid of the (9pm R4) which examines the Musicians' Benevolent Fund. prospects of species on the verge The concert includes Tippett's to the problems of animals, such soprano Joan Rodgers has been as pandas (right), which are replaced by Janice Watson - and

> 12.00 NEWS; You and Yours. 1.00 The World at One. 1.30 Wildbrain. See Pick of the

Day. 2.00 NEWS; The Archers. 2.15 The Wrong Side of the River. 3.00 NEWS; Gardeners' Question Time. 3.30 Revengel.

5.00 PM

chairs the nightly arts programme. 7.45 Still Waters. Part 8 by Ann terson. Kate's husband is missing stranger arrives, throwing the family into confusion. With Ann Scott-8.00 NEWS; The Moral Maze. An extended edition from Winchester bate on the moral issues behind one of the week's headlines. With Janet Daley, Ian Hargreaves,

9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service. 12.00 12.00 The Midday News.

### SATELLITE AND CABLE PICK OF THE DAY IT IS not only BBC TV which Gainsbourg makes a good job of is in love with period drama. the title role, as the orphan who Inspired by the success of such finds work as a governess at offerings as A Room with a Thornfield Hall, a forbidding View and Sense and Sensibility, mansion owned by the dour

the work of the Strathclyde Underwater Operational Team whose grim job it is to comb the coastline for missing persons.

week's episode of Real Lives

(11pm Discovery), homes in on

Mr Rochester (William

drawn to adaptations of classic right). "Underwater Cops", this

Hidden Agendas: Trinity and Beyond (9870925), **11.00** Real Lives (7451470). See *Pick of the Day*. **12.00** The Great Egyptians (5175646), **1.00** First Flights (6071646). **1.30** Wheel Nuts (7301987).

SKY ONE

nakers have also been

texts. Franco Zeffirelli's 1995

reading of Jane Eyre (7pm Sky

MovieMax), the timeless novel

by Charlotte Bronte, does not

match up to the 1944 version,

but it nevertheless has some

fine performances. Charlotte

7.00 The Simpsons (74437), 7.30 The Chris Evans Breakfast Show (68470). Littis Evans preaktast Show (834/1). 8.30 Hollywood Squares (82031). 9.00 Guithy! (31895). 10.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (59126). 11.00 The Oprah Win-frey Show (82582). 12.00 The Chris Evens Breakfast Show (1270654). 12.55 The Special K Collection (38430673). 1.00 Days of Our Lives (953248). 1.55 The Special K Collection (65705437). 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (8128079). 2.55 The Special K Collection (4868166) 3.00 Jenny Jones (8602429). 3.55 The Special K Collection (2854944). 4.00 Guitty! (19963), 5.00 Star Treic Deep Space Nine (9942), 6.00 Married with Children (5963), **6.30** Friends (6215), **7.00** The Simpsons (1031), **7.30** Real TV (2499), 8.00 Stargate SG-1 (38586), 9.00 The X Files (41050), 10.00 Millennium (51437), **11.00** Friends (10692), **11.30** Star Trek (30302), **12.30** Renegade (35068), 1.30 - 7.00 Long Play (4117797).

SKY SPORTS 1 7.00 Sky Sports Centre (7128296). 745 The Footballers' Football Show (522079). 8.15 Sky Sports Centre (8337944). 8.30 Racing News (11418). 9.00 PGA Golf -Grand Start of Golf (4493550). 1.00 Ama-(3012296), 8.30 Arimal X (3024031), 9.00

JAMES RAMPTON teur Boxing England vs USA (63857). 3.00 V-Max (9692). 3.30 Inside Scottish Football (87692), 4.30 The Footballers Football Show (16321), 5.30 Unbelievable Sports (1352), 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (7925), 6.30 Pool (62586), 7.30 PGA Golf (675673). 10.00 Sky Sports Cer (537789), 10.15 Pool (917383), 11.15 Watersports World (946895), 12.15 Sky Sports Centre (2268364), 12.30 Internetional Football England vs Czech Republic (54258), 2.30 Pool (26258), 3.30 Sky

Sports Centre (24530906). 3.45 Close. SKY SPORTS 2 7.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (8573857). 7.30 Sky Sports Centre (9976483), 7.45 Racing News (6150708), 8.15 Fastrex (4554505), **8.45** Sky Sports Centre (3926079), **9.00** Fish TV Fishing Texas (4967296), **9.30** Fish TV Fishing Tales (771048), **10.00** The Footballers' Football Show (8581878), 11.00 Inside Scottish Football (8561012), 12.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (4970760), 12.30 International Football England U21 vs Czech Republic U21 (4712857). 2.00 Equestrianism - Spruce Meadows Bank of Montreal Nations Cup (8968296). 4.00 World Cup of Golf (4186166). 5.00 Fastrax (471938 Beach Volleyball (8277708), 6.00 International Cricket. Ashes Test Preview (7799925). 7.00 International Football England v Czech Republic (4754302). 10.30 International Cricket: Ashes Test Preview (2744673). 11.30 Unbelievable

Grand Slam of Golf (9481987). 4.00 - 6.00 World Cup of Golf (8022451). SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Sports Unlimited (82)093(6), 1.00 Fish TV (35455654). **1.30** Fish TV (52204960). 2.00 Second Innings

(77946789). 2.30 Superbouts (19813437). 3.30 Sports Unlimited (97940383). 4.30 Drag Racing (84423741). 5.30 Watersports (99959050). **6.30** Windsurfin (52587302). **7.00** Fish TV Fishing Te 959050). **6.30** Windsurfing (77940505). 7.30 Fish TV (52583586). 8.00 Cricket: Ashes Test Preview (21178673), 9.00 Milstreet Showjumping 98 (21198437), 10.00 Olympics (53757673). 10.30 Best of All Time Best of Scottish XI (84443505), 11.30 Close,

**EUROSPORT** 7.30 Football: Eurogoals (20234). 9.00 Triathion (20166). 9.30 CART (69499). 11.00 Saiing Magazine (37383), 11.30 Tennis (38012), 12.00 Golf (48050), 1.00 Equestrianism (24470), 2.00 Tractor Pulling (78789), 3.00 Sumo (49128), 4.00 vorld (22673). 5.30 Four-Wheel Drive (5708). 6-00 Xtreme Sports (44234). 7.00 Adventure (6741). 7.30 Fun Sports (2857). 8.00 Bowling (63296). 9.00 Fitness (76760). 10.00 Boxing (86147) 11.00 Speedworld (11876), 12.30 Close. UK GÓLD

7.00 Crossroads (7464708). 7.30 Neighbours (8460499). 7.55 EastEnders (3399321). 8.30 The Bit (6675012). 9.00 The Bill (6699692). 9.30 Bergerac

gels (9572963). 6.00 Due South (2500234). **7.00** May to December (3911418). **7.40** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (2850437). 8.20 Dad's Army (5105708) 9.40 Hamish Macheth (33783166), 10.45 French and Saunders (6616128). 11.25 The Bill (4442654), 11.55 The Bill (6450596). 12.25 The Chief (9090161). 1.20 Between the Lines (1182838). 2.15 Take a Letter, Mister Jones (7859364). 2.45 - 7.00 Shopping (97759180). LIVING 6.00 Tiny Living (2843708). 9.00 The

Roseanne Show (6666505). 9.50 The Jerry Springer Show (8844321). 10.40 Vichael Cole (8756789). 11.30 Brookside (4265437). **12.00** Living Issues (9365895). **12.30** Rescue 911 (5355465). idy, Steady, Cook (4024673). 1.35 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (93370876). 2.05 Rolonda (3364857), 2.55 Living It Up! (8908708), 3.55 The Roseanne Show (3628215), 4.45 Tempestt (6015050). 5.35 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (6576988 6.30 The Jerry Springer Show (3646944) 7.00 Rescue 911 (1510876), 7.30 Beyond Belief (5990645). 8.00 Entertainment Now! (1646050), 8.10 Michael Cole (R42 2895), 9.00 Halifax FP (R364)66) 11.00 Sex Zone (2301811), 12.00 Close. 9.00 Hollywood Greats: Myrna Lov: So

Nice to Come Home To (21196079). 10.00 The Thin Man (1934) (95479166), 11.45 The Venetian Affair (1967) (53547012). 1.30 Where the Soles Are (1965) (48391703). 3.30 The Mask of Fu Manchu (1932) (60639242). **5.00** Close(). PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL 7.00 Clueless (8215). 7.30 Desmond's (8031) 8.00 Rossanne (8963) 8.30 Just Shoot Me (7470) 9.00 Ellen (53321) 9.30 Seinfeld (29925) 10.00 Frasier (14505). 10.30 Cheers (90925). 11.00 The Jack Dee Show (65166). 11.30 The Larry Sanders Show (79418), 12.00 The Late Show with David Letterman (75093), 1.00 Sledge Hammer (15242). 1.30 The Critic (26890). 2.00 Dr Katz (96722). 2.30 Soap (82529). 3.00 Giris on Top (35726). 3.30 Nightstand (54839), 4.00 Close.

### REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Sports (7985741), 12.00 PGA Goff -

ned poets BBC1 N IRELAND As BBC1 London except: 6.30

Newsine 6.30 (963), 10.30 Home Truths (224321), 11.30 Match of the Day from Northern Ireland (626925), 11.55 Best of British (534505), 12.35 Film: Carry On Carry On 19.35 Film: Carry On 19.3 Camping (4949703), 2.05 Joins BBC News 24 (59846659).

**BBC1 SCOTLAND** As BBC1 London except: 12.25 AS BEC1 Landon except: 12-25
Dolaman (3656215). 12-40 Speulachdan
Am-Cadail (68811168). 12-45 Orain agus
Rannan (99261609). 6.00 News (383).
6.30 Reporting Scotland (963). 7.00 As
BBC1 (1498). 9.30 War and Piste (49654), 10.00 Ex-S (34234), 10.30 OED (10654), 11.00 Best of British (911505), **11.40** Film: Carry On Camping (846857), **1.10** News 24 (10606155).

BBC1 WALES As BBC1 London except: 6.30 Wates Today (963), 9.30 As BBC1 (49654), 10.00 The Silver Screen (888383), **10.40** War and Piste (294499), **11.10** Best of British (917789) 11.50 Firm: Carry On Camping (734673), 1.15 Firm: Percy's Progress (375180), 2.45 News 24 (37344088).

ANGLIA
As Cariton except: 12.20 Anglia
News and Weather (9992760). 1.00 Spit
Second (28234). 1.30 Home and Away
(53857). 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show
(5847091). 5.10 Shortland Street
(4654876). 6.00 Home and Away
(482055). 6.25 Anglia News (980383).
10.00 ITN News; Weather (29302).
10.30 Anglia News and Weather
(343505). 2.35 The Hopeful Traveller
(5844819). 3.05 Trishs (3978387). 3.55 (6584819), 2.35 Trisha (3978987), 3.55 Cybernat (30375600), 4.20 Soundtrax (23147595), 4.40 ITV Nightscreen (98408155), 5.00 Coronation St (91093).

CENTRAL As Cariton except: 12.20 Central News and Weether (9992760). 12.30 ITN News; Weather (54586). 1.00 Echo Point (28234). 5.10 Shortland Street Point (2823): 339 Ginhald Section (4854876), 6.00 Home and Away (482055), 6.25 Central News and Weather (380363), 10.30 Central News and Weather (343505), 4.10 Jobfinder (3940884), 5.20 Asian Eye (3683600).

HTV WALES As Cariton excepts 10.15 This Morning (860296), 12.15 HTV News (3662499), **1.00** Shortland Street (28234), **1.30** Home and Away (53857). **2.00** The Jerry Springer Show (5847091), **5.10** Primetime Diary 4664876) 6.00 Home and Av (482055), **6.25** Wales Tonight (980383) 10.30 HTV News (343505), 2.35 The Hopeful Traveller (6584819). 3.05 Trisha (3978987). 3.55 Cybernet (30375600). 4.20 Soundtrax (23147695). 4.40 ITV Nightscreen (98408155), **5.00** Coronation Street (91093).

HTV WEST As HTV Wales except: 530 Widte Rescue (4654876). 6.25 HTV West 933831 6.30 The West MERIDIAN

As Cariton except: 10.15 This Morning (860296). 12.15 Mendian News and Weather (3862400). 4 60 0 and Westher (3662499). 1.00 Shortland Street (28234). 1.30 Home and Away (53657). 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (5847097). 5.10 Home and Away (4854875). 5.37 Three Minutes. Freescreen (735708). **6.00** Meridian Tonight (609). **6.30** Holiday Park (401). **10.30** Meridian News and Weether (343505).

2.35 The Hopeful Traveller (6584819). 3.05 Trisha (3978987). 3.55 Cybernet (30375600). 4.20 Soundtrax (23147895).

WESTCOUNTRY As Cariton except: 10.15 Tris Morning (860296). 12.15 Westcountry News (3682499). 12.27 Illuminations (9817079). 1.00 Erumerdale (28234). 6.00 Westcountry Live (62505). 10.30 Westcountry News (343505). 2.35 The Hopeful Traveter (6584819). 3.05 Trisha 987), 3.55 Cybernet (30375600). 4.20 Soundtrax (23147695), 4.40 ITV 'еел (98408155), **5.00** Corona-

YORKSHIRE As Cariton except: 10.15 This Morning (860296), 12.15 Calendar News and Weather (3662499), 1.00 Home and and Weather (3982499). 1.00 Home Away (39703895). 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (7080437). 2.10 Em-merdale (60893334). 5.40 News; Weather (935470). 5.55 Calendar (272741), **8.30** Tonight (401), **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (343505), **4.20** Jobfinder (3946068).

As Channel 4 except: 9.00 Ysgo-lion/Schools (38762215). 12.00 Judge Joe Brown (64661532). 12.30 Sesame Street (10256418). 1.00 Planed Plant -Rala Rwdins a Lisabeth (86631437). 1.30 The Three Stooges (86577321). 1.50 Film: At the Earth's Core (22040079), 4.30 Ricki Lake (43209128), 5.00 Planed Plant (65264499). 5.30

As Yorkshire except: 12.15 North

East Weather (715944). 6.00 North East

Tonight (62505). 10.30 North East News

East News and Weather (3671147). 12.25 Joblink (9917079). 5.55 North

and Weather (343505).

Countdown (43223708), 6.00 Newyddon (43956128), 6.10 Heno (95622401), 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (66442437), 7.20 Y Clwb Rygbi (43847654). 9.15 Newyddion (84700234). 9.30 Drop the ed Donkey (10236654). 10.00 Brookside (15951857). 10.35 Ally McBeal (40885857). 11.30 is it Legal? (83946321). 12.00 Under the Moon (61286432). 4.00 High 5 (21699109). 4.35 Closs.



# JANE SHILLING TELEVISION REVIEW

tation looked like turning arned conflict (the 1814) is that the scheduling of regrunne was fortultous), ing around with the rest press pack, walting for thing to inappen, lister amused himself by g his Baghdad Ministry of motion minders - Alia, a gone to Iraq

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were some rare and elusive species of wild animal, recording their habitat as though the truth would be found there.

This raw approach had its longueurs – Alla's holiday snaps were, frankly, no more interesting than unyone else's, and McAllister's insistent

is jerky, underlit fashion, is jerky, underlit fashion, ecomed animated by a curiosi-y and a fascination with detail y and a fascination for gandy ice reams; Kilah's Fenguin edition of Mansfield Park — that cooked quite like affection.

Back to the Ptoor (BBC2) went out just before "Minders", and made McAllister's gauche tetachment look like a virtue.

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# BBC

6,00 Business Breakfast (CARE)

7.00 News (1) (30573) 9.00 Kincy (5) (1) (8563363) 9.40 Style Challengs (5) (9386234) 10.05 City Humpital (5) (1) (9460147) 10.55 Result Regional News: Westber (1) (923931) 11.00 Real Rooms (S) (9230708) 11.25 Can't Cook Won't Cook (S) (1) (923895) 11.55 News, Regional News; Weather (1) (923895) 12.00 Puss the Buck (5) (4861505) 12.25 Going for a Song (S) (4840012) 12.50 The Weather Show (S) (1) (82211924) 1.00 News; Weather (1) (3366) 1.30 Regional News and Weather (73293166) 1.40 Neighbours (S) (1) (67805383) 2.05 Ironside (R) (9065673) 2.55 Wipcout (R) (5) (2265166)

6.00 News; Waather (T) (383).

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Meet the robot destined to explore the radioactive heart of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor (5) (7) (147).

8.00 The Life of Birds. David Attenborough looks at aquatic birds, from your everyday maliard to the more exotic black heron of Africa and the yellow dippers of the Yellowstone National Park (S) (T) (564383).

8.50 The National Lottery: Amazing Luck Stories, including the person who forgot to watch this tiresome programme, Just give us the numbers (S) (1) (517160).

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9.30 EIDING QED: Secrets of the Gloud People. Was there a lost civilisation of Ancient Egyptian seafarers deep in the Amazon Jungle? See Science Programme of the Day, below (S) (T) (49654).

11:15 CHOIDE Carry On Camping (Gerald Thomas 1969 UK). Sid James and Bernard Bresslaw take their wives to what they think is a nudist camp. See Film of the Day, below (T) (442895).

12.40 [HIM] Percy's Progress (Raiph Thomas 1974 UK)
Flaccid sequel to the 1968 comedy about the man to
receive the world's first penis transplant. Leigh Lawson
takes over from Hywel Bennett in the lead role (695258

ARD - SECRETS OF THE CLOUD PROPLE (8.30pm BBC).

Aght) This may be the last film in the current series, but it has an unsatisfyingly unfinished quality to it - as if they only know bulf the stary. It concerns the discovery of a collection of 500-year-old mammified corpses in the Amazonian cloud forest of I'era. Were these the legendary "cloud people" mentioned in early Conquistator texts - a biliburio undiscovered race of tall, blonde, blue eyed folk with possible links to Ancient Egypt? Jan Klinnowski's film follows explorer Gene Savoy, the so-called "read Indiana Jones" (cue the theme music from the Spiciberg SCIENCE PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (R) (S) (6914050). 3.45 Bananaman (R) (S) (8416692). 3.50 ChuckleVision (R) (S) (2352321). 4.10 Gel Your Own Back (9127234). 4.35 The Queen's Nose (S) (T) (7797963). 5.00 Neweround (S) (T) (4428673). 5.10 Blue Peter (S) (T) (5733470).

5.36 Neighbours (S) (T) (783944).

6.30 Regional News. And weather (T) (963)

7.00 A Question of Sport. Guests are Everton midfields.
John Collins, cricketer Mark Butchor, rugby league
winger Martin Offiah, and runner Kelly Holmes (1499).

9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (9876)

10.30 Best of British. They're talking about Cliff Richard (5) (7) (216673).

**2.20 Joins BBC News 24** (49038548). To 6am.

# BBC2

7.00 Children's 88C; King Gr 7.05 Telebiblics (5) (24555 Kids (5) (2251925) 7.65 To (5553215) 8.20 Robinson S nper Jungle (6868156) 8.35 King ( 357437) 9.00 Space Ark (R) (7458 187437) 9.00 Space Ark (R) (7458 1876? Why? (S) (7478876) 9 18 bstance Misuse (S) (T) (5866437) 18 bstance Misuse (S) (T) (5866437) 18 tures (S) (8498760) 10.00 Teletub 18 (S) (8498760) 10.00 Teletub 18 (S) (3036586) 10

Working Lunch (50760). 1.00 Juniper Jungle (R) (S) (9816321). 1.10 Sophie Grigson's Herbs (S) (43023321).
1.15 The History Hour (S) (797321). 2.15 Match of Their Day: Gary Lineker (S) (70759769). 2.40 News: Regional News: Weather (T) (7084586). 2.46 Westminster with Diana Machil (S) (T) (2637128). 3.55 News: Regional News: Weather (T) (3577147). 4.00 Charge That (R) (S) (T) (3554286). 4.25 Ready. Steady. Cook (3557383).
4.55 Esther (5322857). 5.30 Today's the Day (S) (352).

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. While conducting a land survey on Melona Four, an away learn encounters a powerful destructive force known as the Crystoline Entity (R) (S) (T) (846302).

6.48 Silders. Sol-ii drama series about four people who can transport themselves to parallel universes. The Silders land in a world resembling ancient Egypt (S) (T) (234676).

7.30 EXIMITE Behind Closed Doors. First of four films offering a glimpse behind the closed doors of some of British's more secretive societies. See Documentary of the Day, below (S) (T) (789).

8.30 Home Front. A new a series. The ongoing pro series of the interior design oject will be the renovation o

9.00 Nurse. Documentary series following a group of eight students from Newcastle as they strive to become qualified nurses. As the students approach the end of their first year. Jo Banks is looking after patients with chronic dementia, John Denton witnesses his first birth, and the other students attend a post-mortem (736895).

**10.30. Newsnight.** Paxman (T) (213215).

11.15 Brothers and Sisters. Extremely decent drama series set in a northern gospel community. Go on, give a try (S) (T) (656166).

**Despatch Box** (22890), **12.30** BBC Learning Zone: Arts -- Late: An English Education (51780), **1.00** Who Calls the Shots? (33513), **1.30** Windows on the Mind -- Children's Drawings (51451), **2.00** Schools: Technology (83242), **4.00** Languages: Deutsch Plus (80722), **5.00** RCN Nursing Update (2900567), **5.45** Open University Flowering (4831616), To 6.10am.

DOCUMENTARY OF T HE DAY

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (730pm BBC2, four films breaching the closed doors of som more secretive societies begins in Mount Sai Abbey in Lekcestershire, home to 38 Roman Common to 38 Roman Common to 38 Roman to 38 R a right) The first of me of Britain's mint Bornard a Catholic are now talking, on communicaling rcus Ryder's film werty and wity hing to do with

ine Geography Programme (4104031) Action (S) (7094692). **12.00** Teaching

lay (S) (31147).

**8.00 Looking Good.** Compilation of the fashion and beauty series, presented by Lowri Turner. Autumn fashions and home facials get a re-workout (S) (8788).

series. The ongoing project will be the renovation of a derelict Victorian house. First up, though, is the budget redestign of a "tired" kitchen (S) (T) (7296).

10.00 In Stitches. An out-take from a not-so-recent BBC2 theme evening, this compilation of clips looks at comedic doctor-patient encounters (F) (32876). de Secrets. Brickles' secrets (R) (S) (T) (828418)

10.30 10,40 London Tonight (T) (343505).

The Big Match: England vs Czech Republic. Highlights of tonight's friendly international (474489).

The Hopeful Traveller (4939432). 3.00 Trisha (R) (S) (3820242). 3.40 Cybernet (21972242). To 4.10am.

Children's ITV: Wizedora (R) (7759470). 3.30 The Slow Norris (S) (7140654). 3.45 The Animal Shelf (S) (7178437). 4.00 Rupert (R) (3574050). 4.25 The Rottentrolls (S) (T) (4880166). 4.40 Mad for It (S)

**Home and Away** (S) (T) (4854876).

News; Weather (T) (699166).

**London Tonight.** Regional naws update for the capital and the South-East, including a local weather bulletin (T) (609).

Emmerdale. Yorkehire folk. Steve vows vengeance on Kim (he's not the first) and Lisa confronts Butch about his feelings for Mandy (squeich) (S) (T) (9895).

**Coronation Street.** So farewell Des – or very nearly. Back with the living, Judy is disturbed when Zoe and Ruth try to recruit her to the cause (T) (215).

**Hornblowen.** "Sharpe on the ocean waves" doesn't seem to be capturing the public's imagination, although its cause isn't helped by being screened every few months. In this episode, CS Forester's naval hero (played here by newcomer loan Gruffudd) is promoted to acting lieutenant, but finds himself questioning his moted his tion and

News; Weather (T) (29302).

James on TV. Cilve James reminisces about to when beauty contests were a major event in I schedules (as they are soon to be egain, thanks unel 5). All of which means an opportunity to chat tuty queens past and present (S) (212895).

**FILLY** State of Grace (Phil Joanou 1991 US). A sort of Irlsh-American Goodfellas, with Sean Penn, Gary Oldman, Ed Harris and Robin Wright among the mobsters and their moils (64108364).

5 Trisha (S) (T) (5925352). 10.15 This Morning (T) (41159673). 12.20 Your Shout (9992760). 12.30 News; Weather (T) (54586). 1.00 London Today (T) (28234). 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) (9769654). 2.10 Home and Away (S) (T) (60893334). 2.40 Dale's Supermarket Sweep (S) (T) (2254050). 3.10 ITN News Headlines (T) (2787873).

London Bridge. Capital soap. Cliff fights for his life in hospital (9) (401).

9.30 9.00 Drop the Dead Donkey, Gus is still in denial – maybe he's just read the script. Hugely overrated newsroom silcom continues on its merry way (2586).

**5**,30 **Bob and Margaret.** Animated series following on from the Oscar-winning short *Bob's Birthday*. Bob and Margaret are at a loose end with nothing on TV (S) (T) (38892).

by Clive Anderson. Guests Include regulars Greg Proops, Colin Mochrie and Ryan Stiles (S) (T) (7031).

11.30 The Comedy Lab. Two comedy magicians do their thing (77012).

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3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (437). 4.00 Fifteen to One (T) (844). 4.30 Countdown (T) (7781302). 4.55 Ricki Lake (S) (T) (5317925). 5.30 Pet Rescue Roadshow (T) (708)

6.00 Late Lunch with Mel and Sue. Gueste Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer and Björk bat back Mel and

7.00 Channel 4 News Weather, including headii 7.30pm (S) (T) (574031).

7.55 Talking Neads. Another head-teacher reflects on their working life (T) (238596).

90 **Brookside.** Max must be great in bed, because he's an appealing liar – Susanneh still seems inclined to believe him (8) (1) (3867).

ls it Legal? As Colin hands around some delicious home-made biscults, Alison wonders whether he's gay (S) (T) (65692).

10.00 Rising Damp. This is more like it, even if we have to go back to the deepest 1970s. A rerun of the classic Eric Chappell sitcom, beginning with the very first episode in which Rigsby meets Philip for the first time (T) (27844).

Whose Line is it Anyway? This series of the improv show was filmed in America, but hosted as usual

12.00 Under the Moon. Including Football Italia (2.35am), High Five (4am), Kabaddi (4.35am) and Transworld Sport (5am) (6401884). To 5.55am.

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6.00 Sesame Street (53505). 7.00 The Big Breakfast (S) (T) (23789).

Channel 4 Schools: Book Box (46078), 9,30 Rat-Tat Tat (8485673), 9,45 Book Box (8490128), 10,00 Stage Two Science (3032128), 10,18 All about Us (3055079), 10,30 Top! En Français (9884470), 10,50 Stop, Look, Listen (6447437), 11,00 First Edition V (4195383), 11,18 Inside Art (418234).

00 5 News and Sport (S) (2733760). 7.00 WideWorld (R) (S) (6406437). 7.30 Mikshake! (S) (7777339). 7.35 Wimzie's House (A) (S) (1910673). 8.00 Havakazoo (A) (S) (2803215). 8.30 Dappledown Farm (2802586). 9.00 HouseBusters (A) (S) (T) (772564). 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcard's (A) (4578050). 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (8050483). 10.20 Sunset Beach (S) (T) (2343078). 11.10 Leeza (R) (S) (9358944). 12.00 5 News at Noon (S) (T) (2806302). 12.30 Family Affairs (R) (S) (T) (7737470). 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (S) (T) (8405708). 1.30 Sons and Daughlers (773674). 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (5051654). 2.30 Good Afternoon (S) (9473437).

LAIR Count Your Blessings (Jean Negulesco 1959 UK). Loosely adepted from Nancy Mitford's entertaining novel, The Blassing. Deborah Kerr stars as Mitford's herolne, who marries aristocratic Frenchman Rosseno Brazzi during the Second World War, and loses contact with him until their son is nine years old (T) (82038383).

HILL Aloha Meane Goodbye. (David Lowell Rich 1974 US), Sally Struthers plays a woman dying from a rare blood disease who travels to Hawali in search of a cure. There she meets a dastardly surgeon who eyes

8.00 100 Per Cent. Hosfless and remorse knowledge game (S) (5586418).

The Rosesnne Show (5777483).

6.30 Family Affairs. Chris tries to convince Nick that the wiring in Dave's house is line. The jury reaches its verdict (S) (T) (5540470).

7.00 5 News, including First on Five. Kirsty Young goes walkies with the headlines (S) (1) (5055470).

7.30 The Pepsi Chart. Performing "live" (last night, actually) are All Saints, teen hearthrobs Five, and ABBA cover band, Steps (S) (T) (5548654).

8,00 **The Car Show.** Mariella Frostrup tries out the Nissan Micra and Tristram Payne tests the new BMW 3 series (5071416).

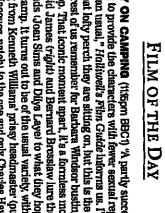
8.30 In the Dark. Game-show in which contestants face a variety of challenges in complete darkness to the sound of scraping barrels (S) (T) (5050825).

9.00 EIIM The Silencers (Richard Pepin 1995 US). Sci-fl of the low-budget kind. An active imagination always helps in the face of a lack of bucks, but nobody around this production seem to possess one of these. Jack Scalla plays an undercover agent who discovers the government is consplring with extra-terrestrials. The really scary thing is that there are probably people in Montana who would think this was a documentary (S) (T) (81214673).

Compromising Situations (S) (6238334), 12.10 NHL Ice Hockey (S) (49753800), 4.40 Club Class (R) (S) (82988364), 5.05 Move On Up (4795180), 5.30 100 Per Cent (R) (S) (1636242), To Sam.

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attempt to provide the characters with fewer sexual repressions than usual," Hallivell's Film Guide informs us. I'm not sure what lofty perch they are sitting on, but this is the Carry On the rest of us remember for Barbara Windsor busting her blikini top. That iconic moment apart, it's a formless movie in which Sid James (right) and Bernard Brosslaw lure their girlfriends (Joan Sims and Dilys Laye) to what they hope is a mudist camp. It turns out to be of the usual variety, with inmates ranging from Kenneth Williams' prissy headmaster (pursued by Hattle Jacques, natch) to the one and only Charles Hawtrey.











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